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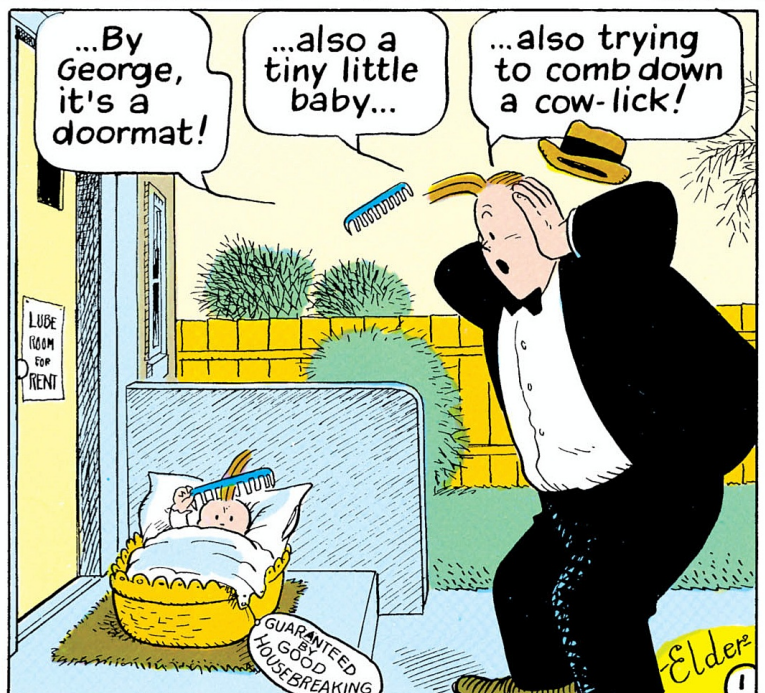
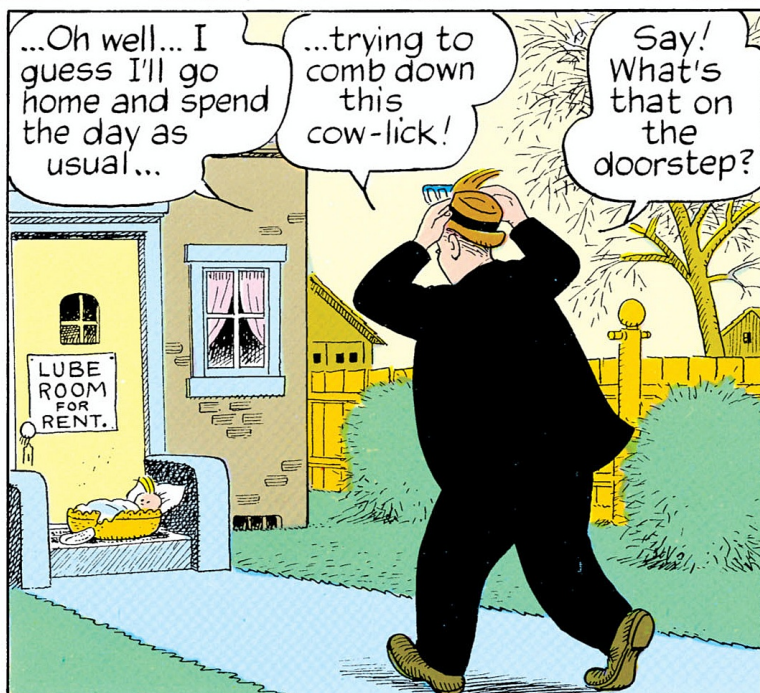
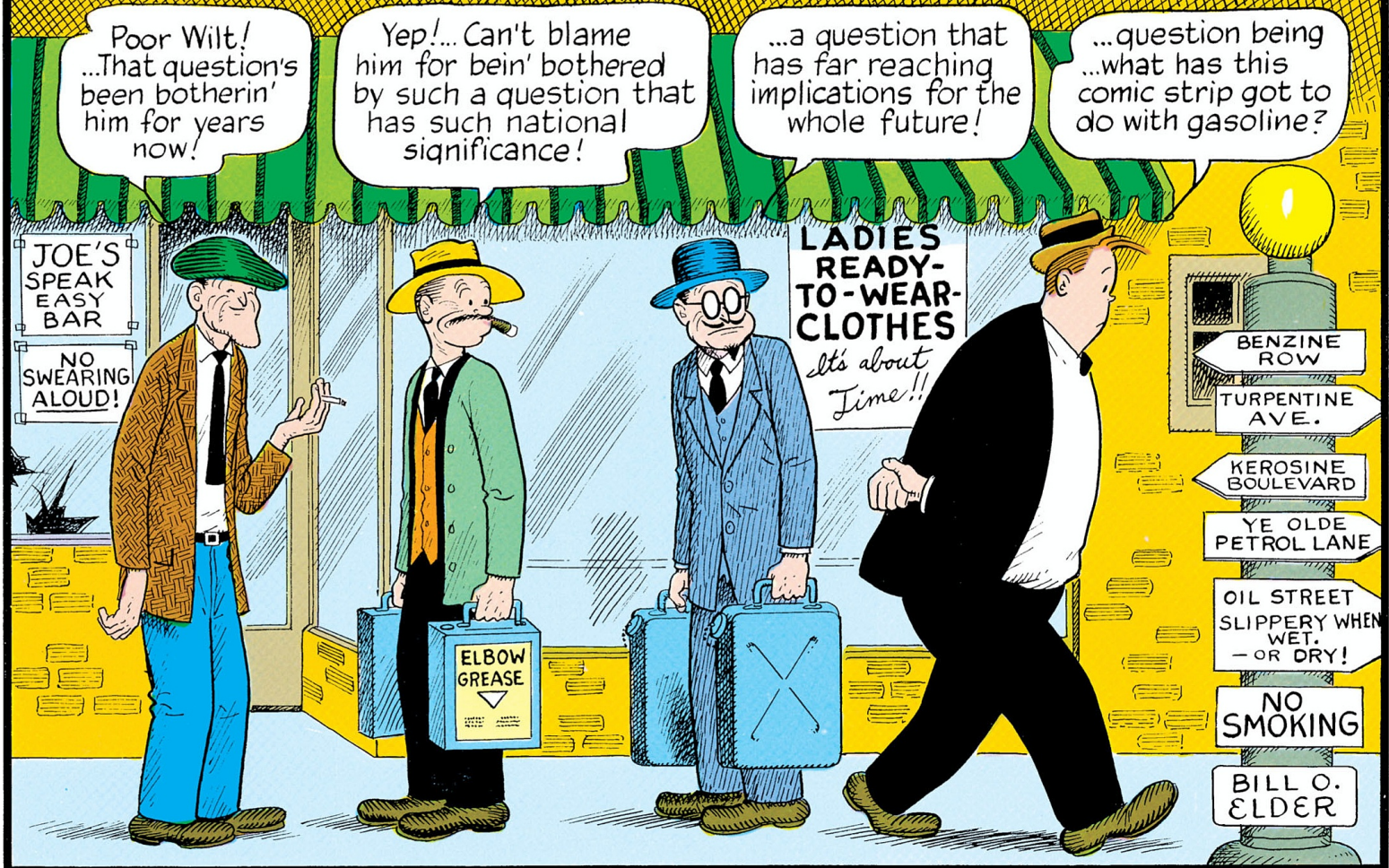
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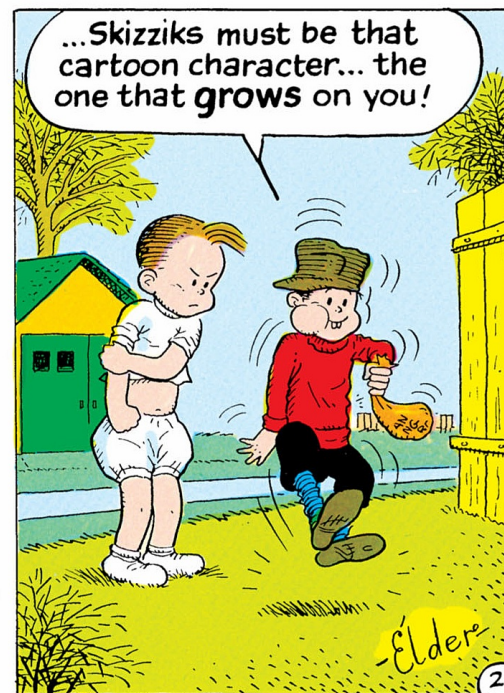
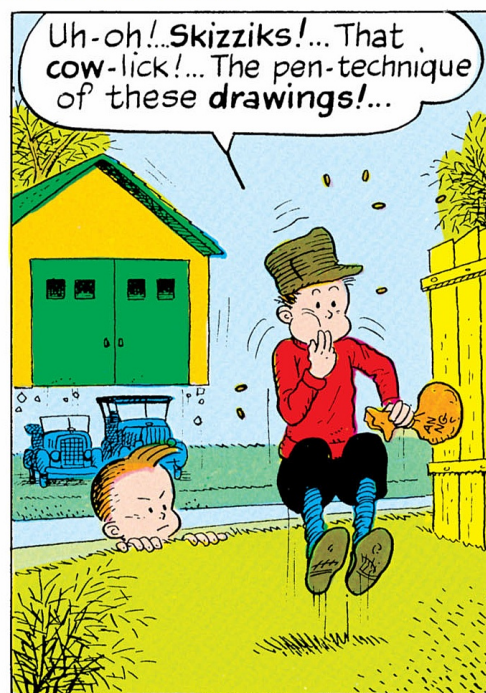
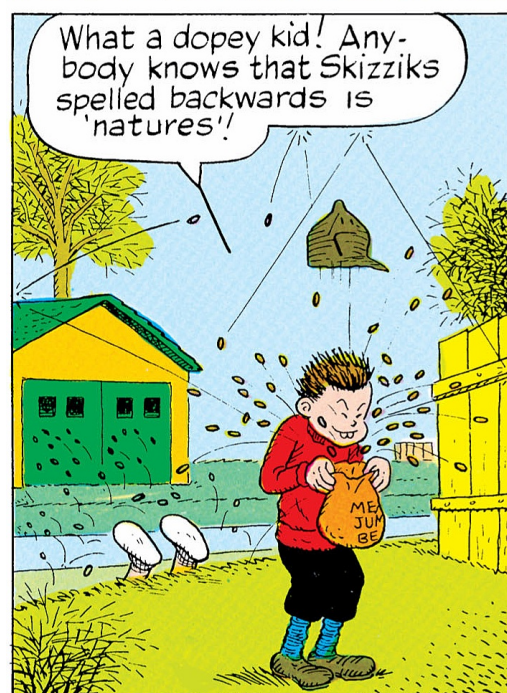
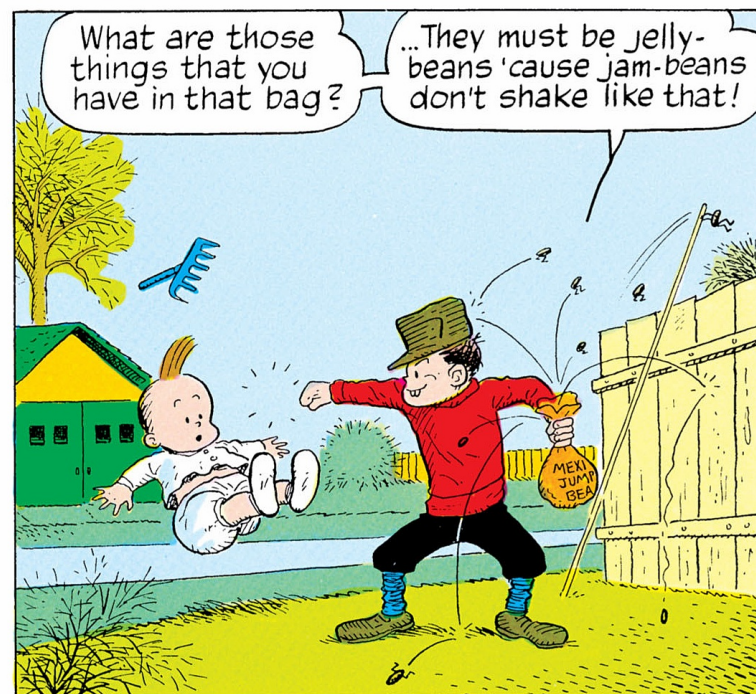
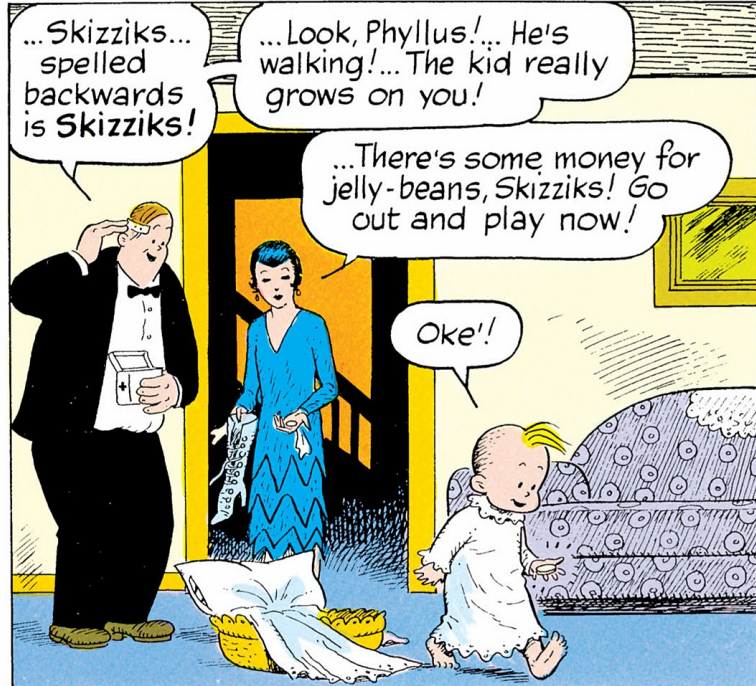
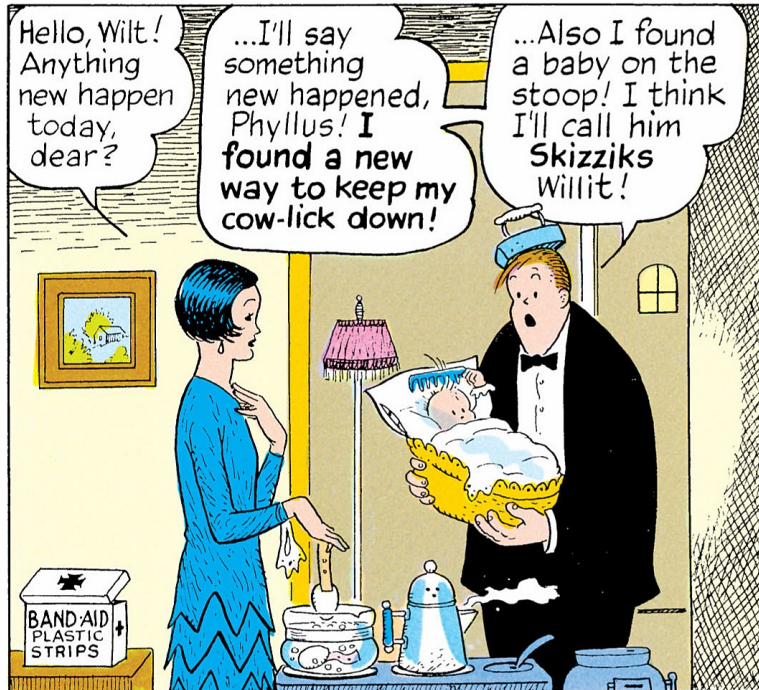
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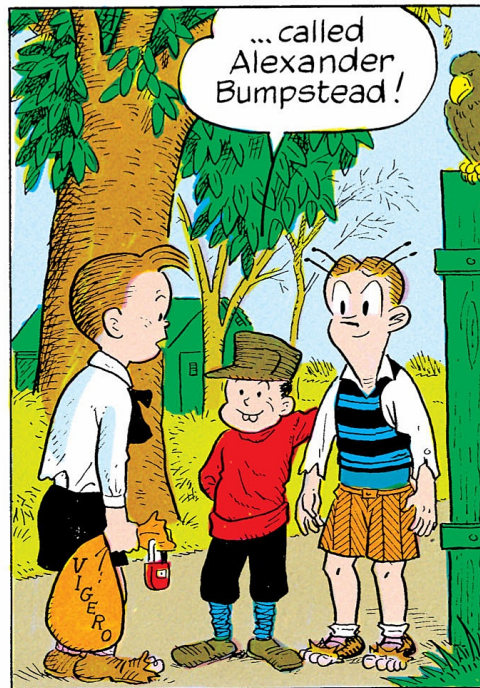
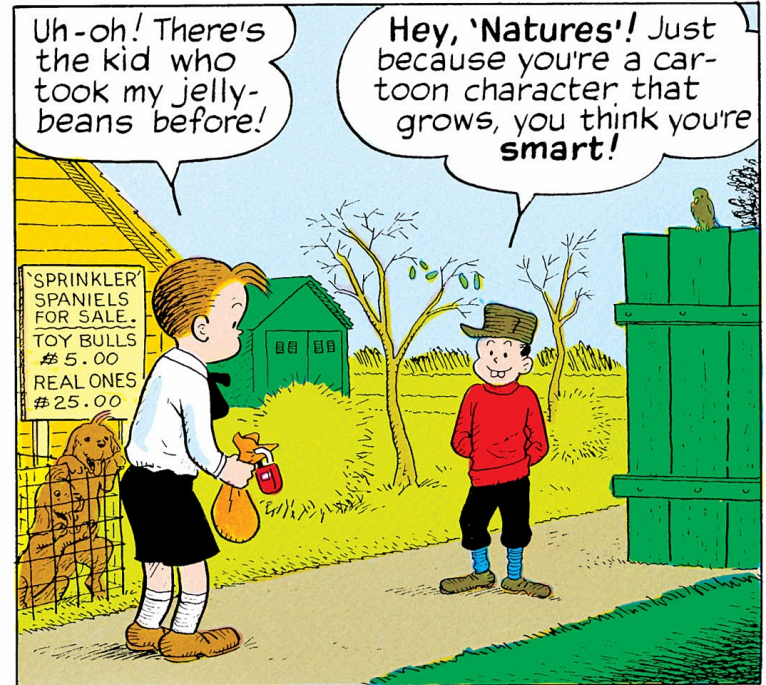
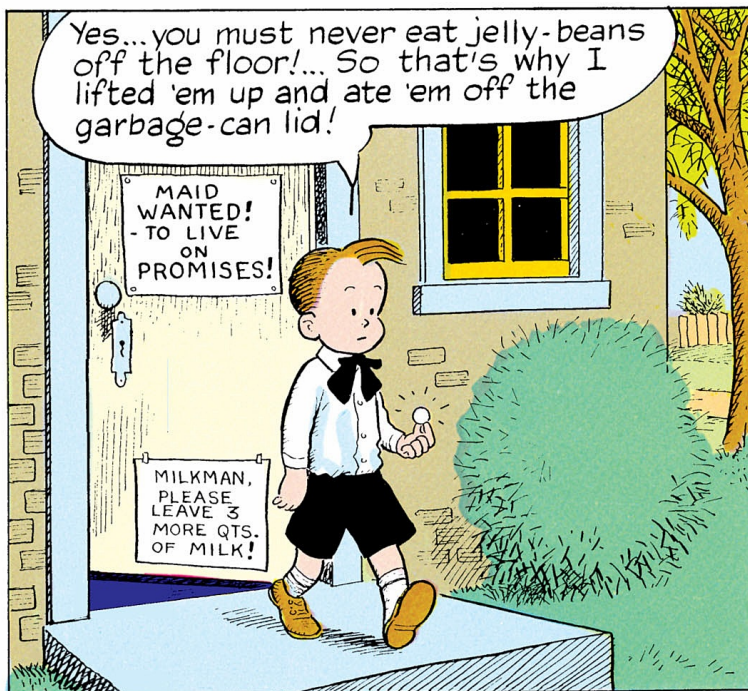
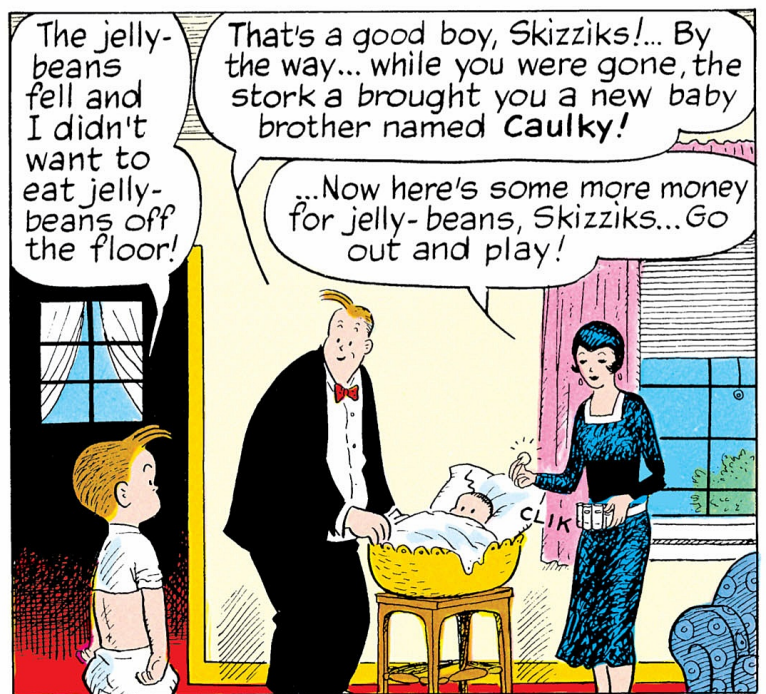
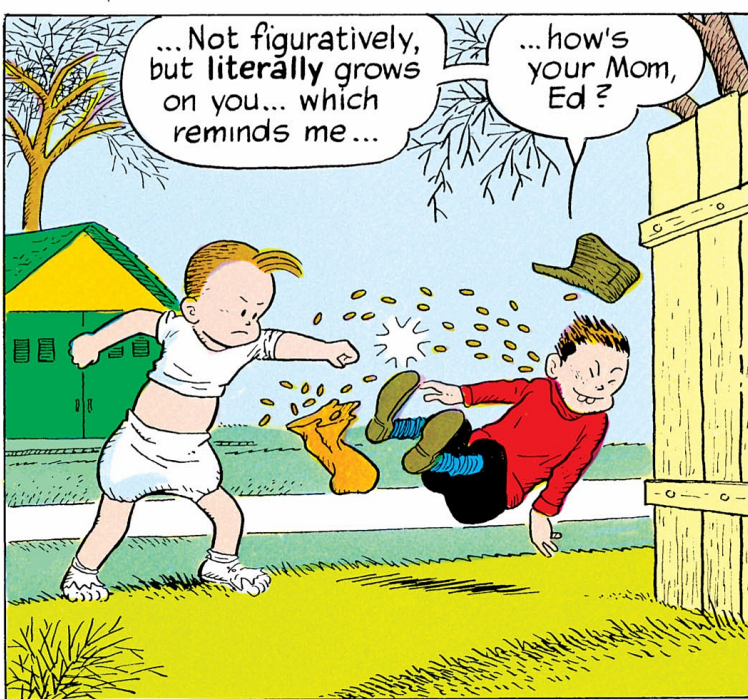
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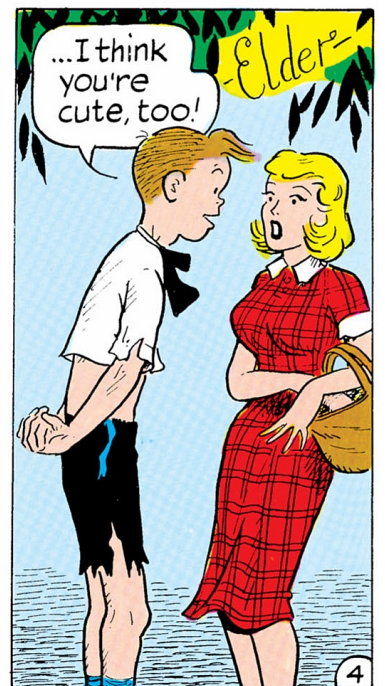
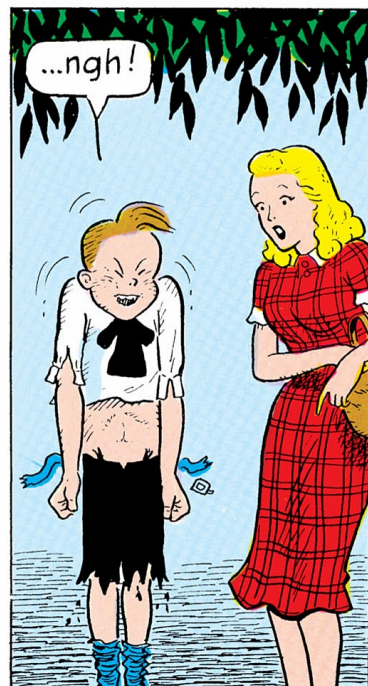
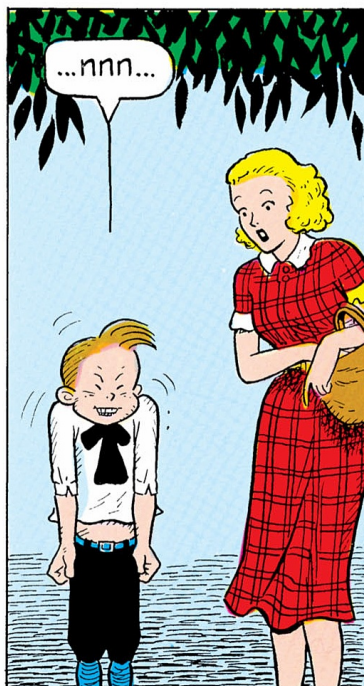
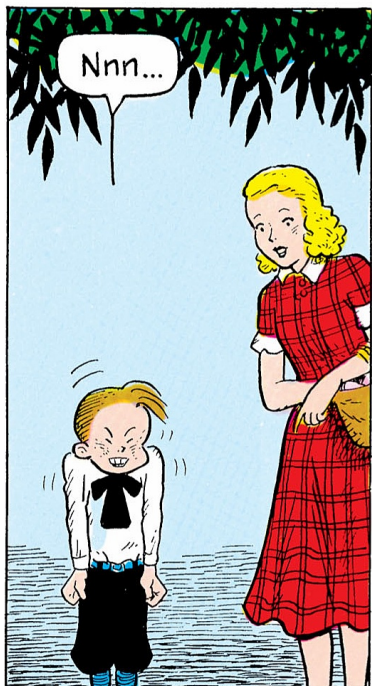
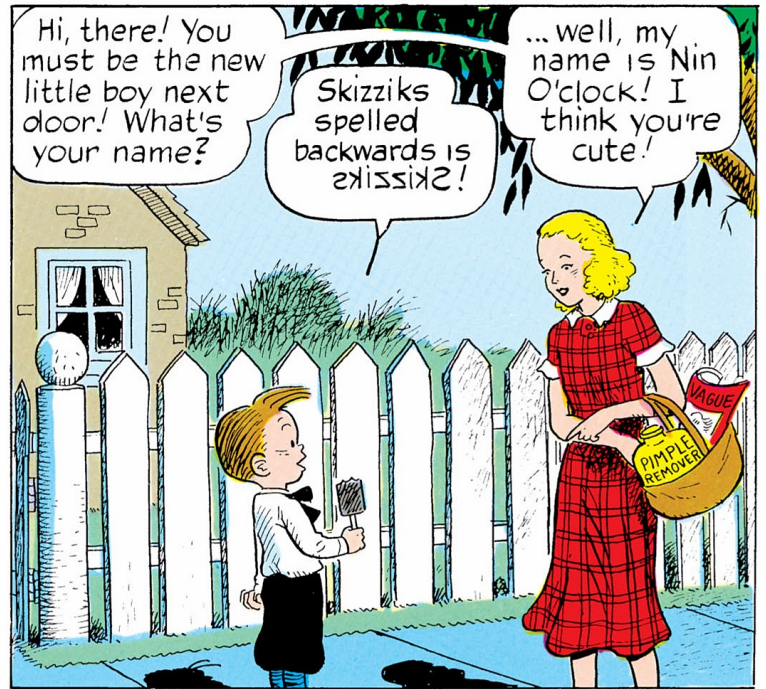
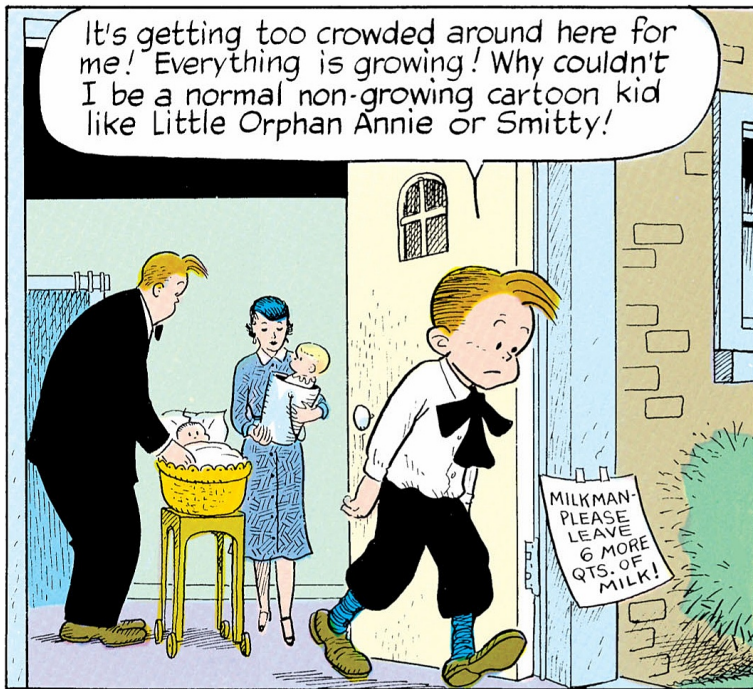
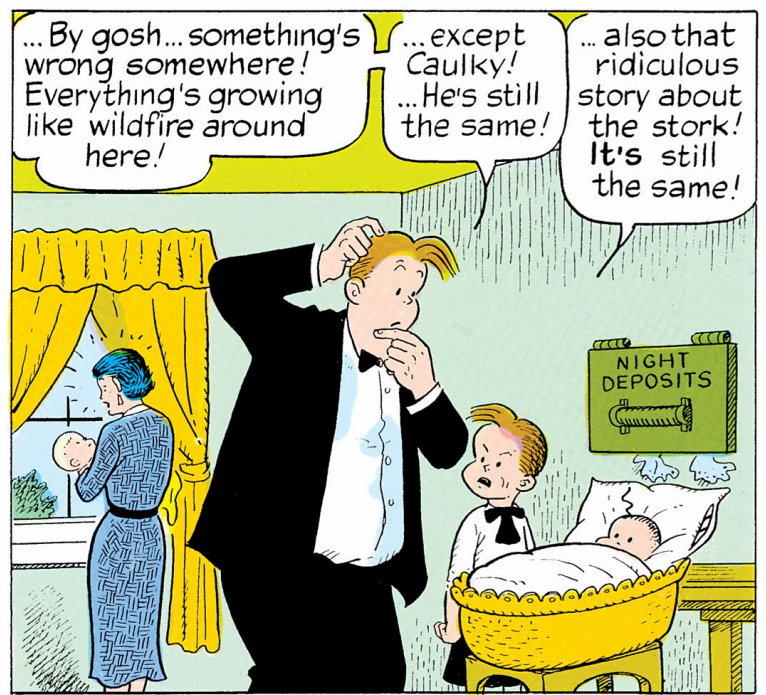
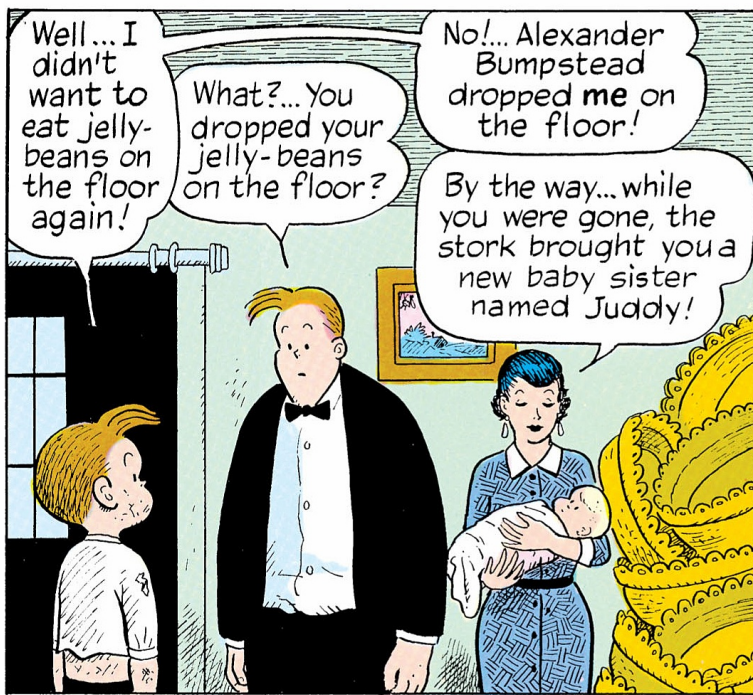
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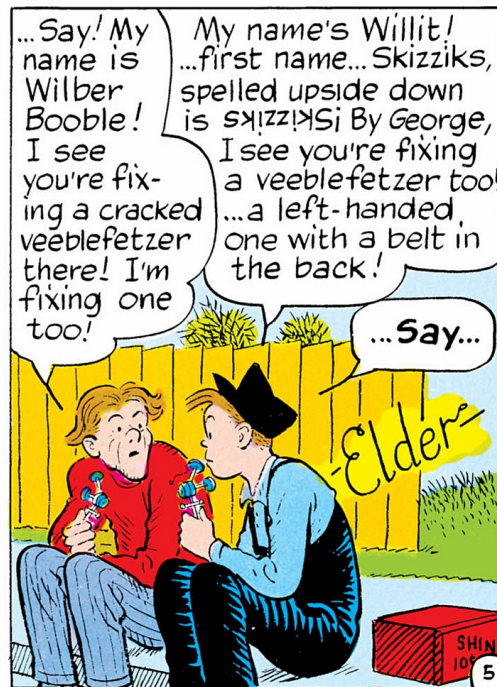
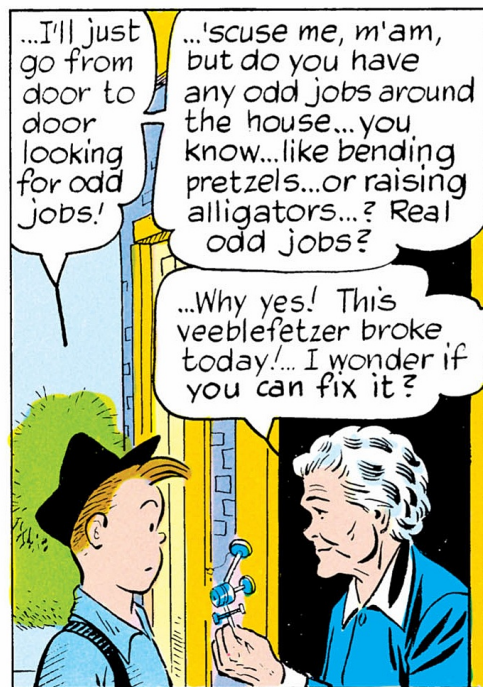
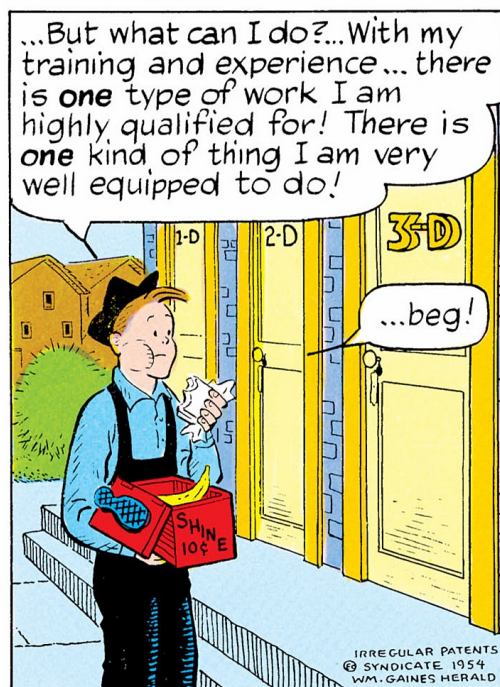
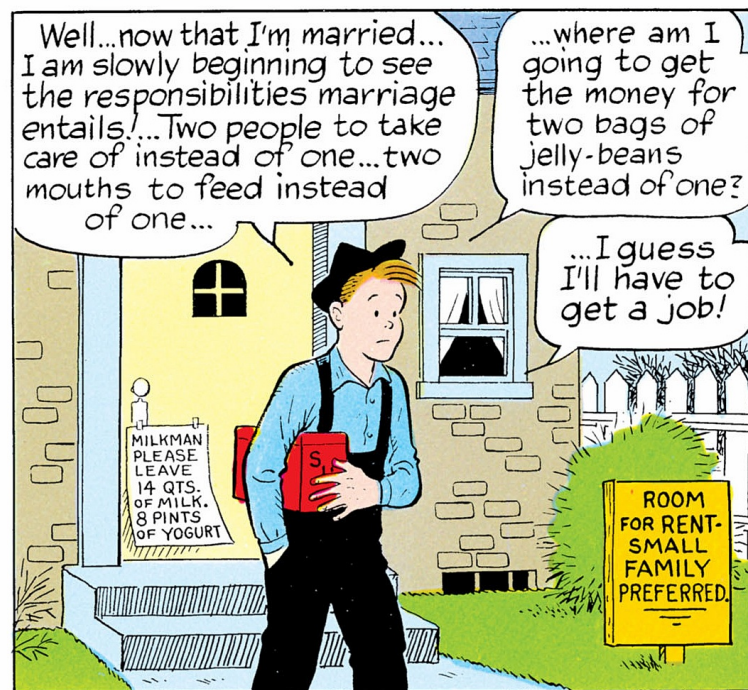
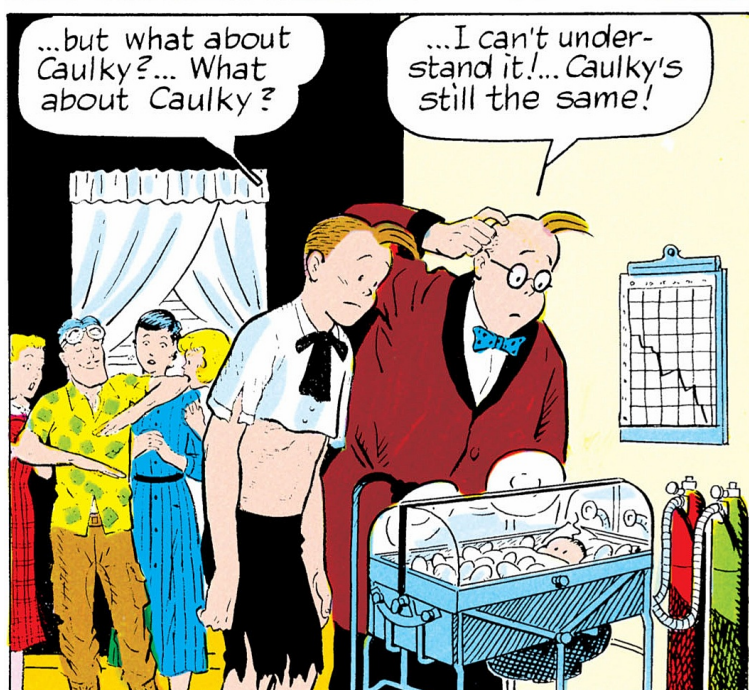
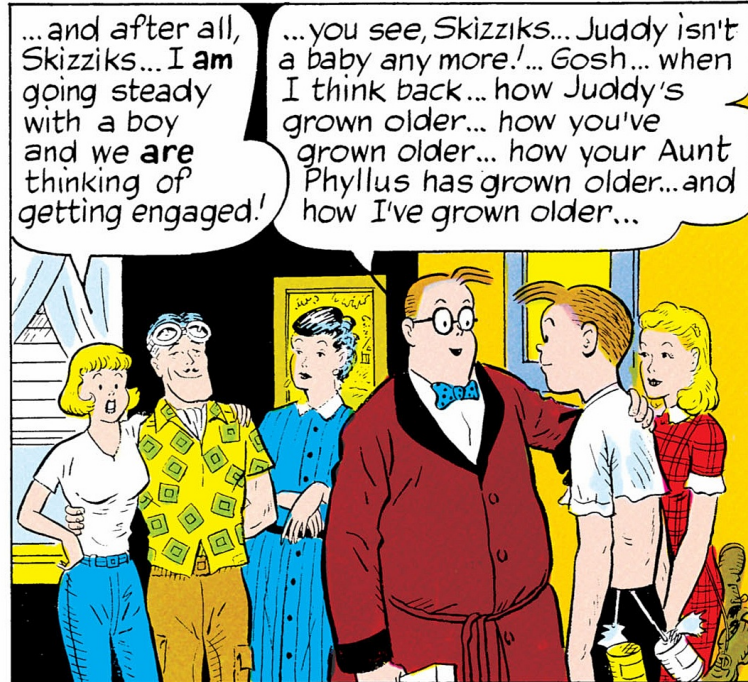
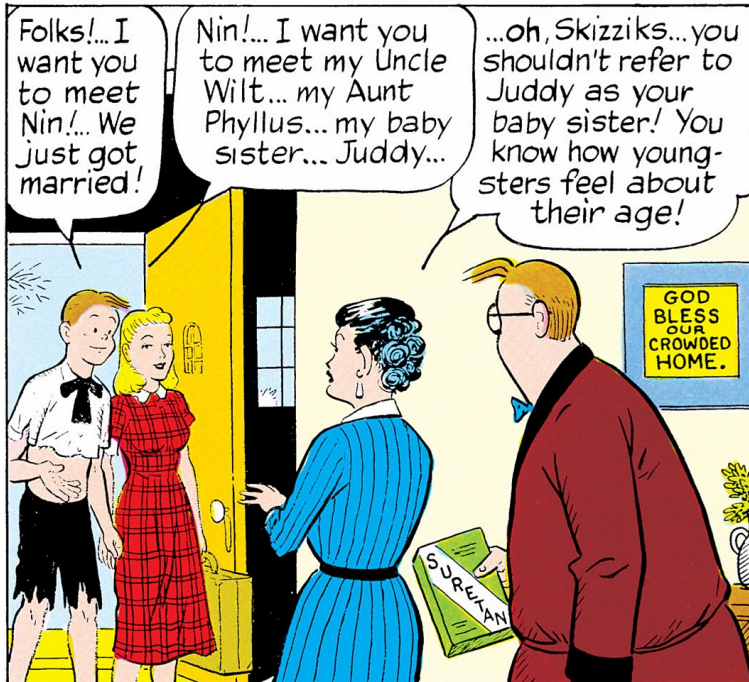
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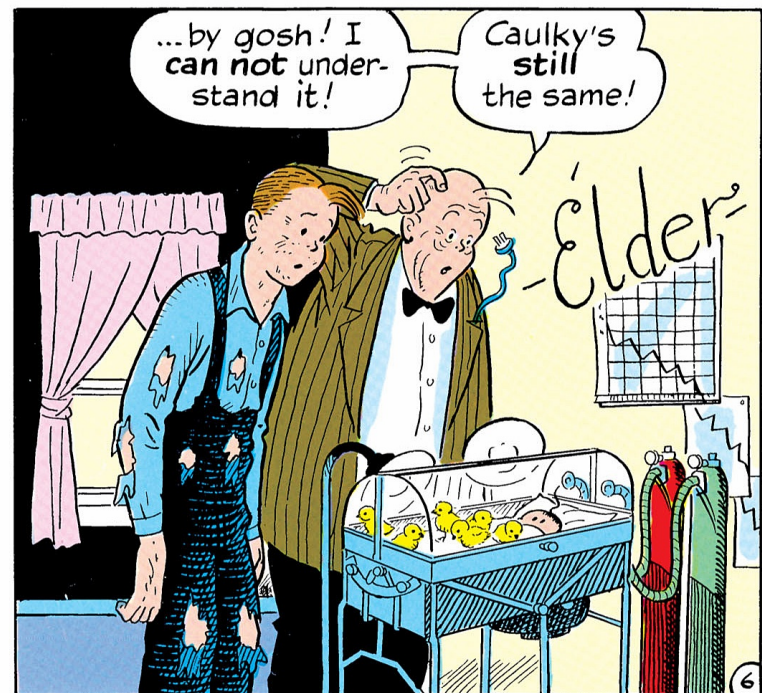
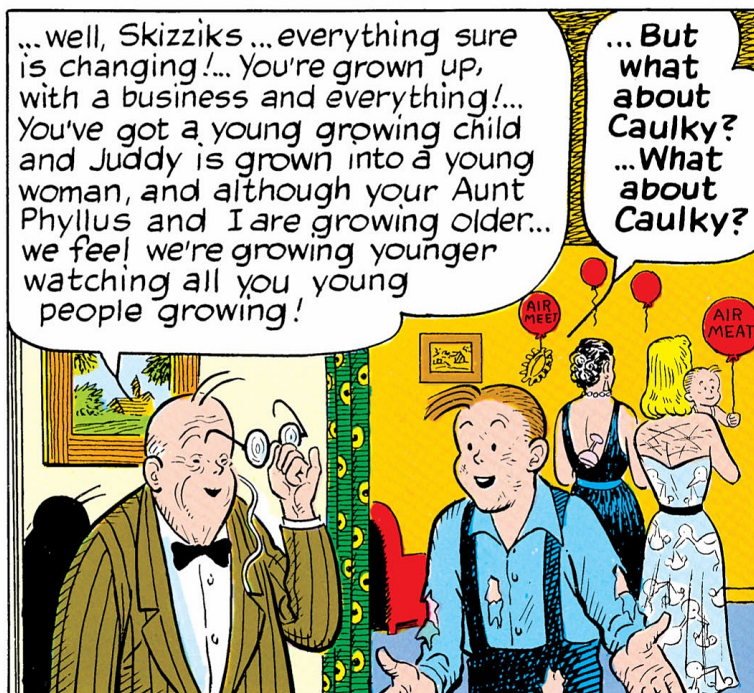
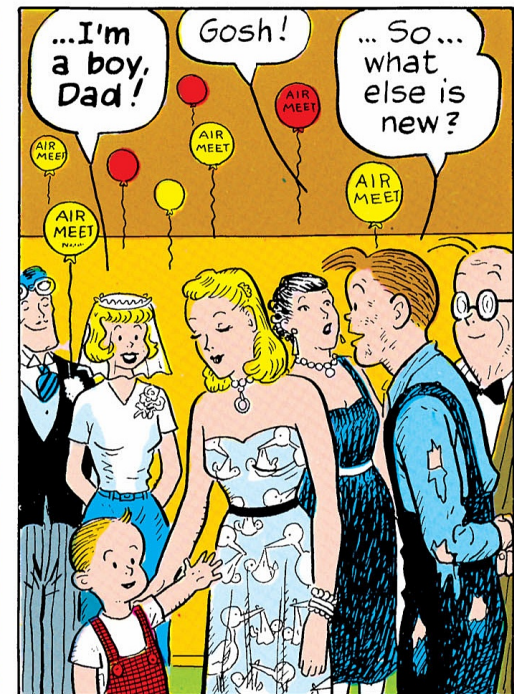
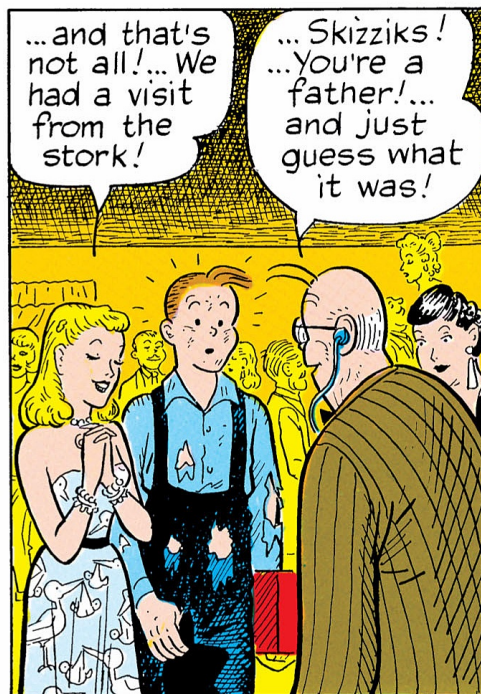
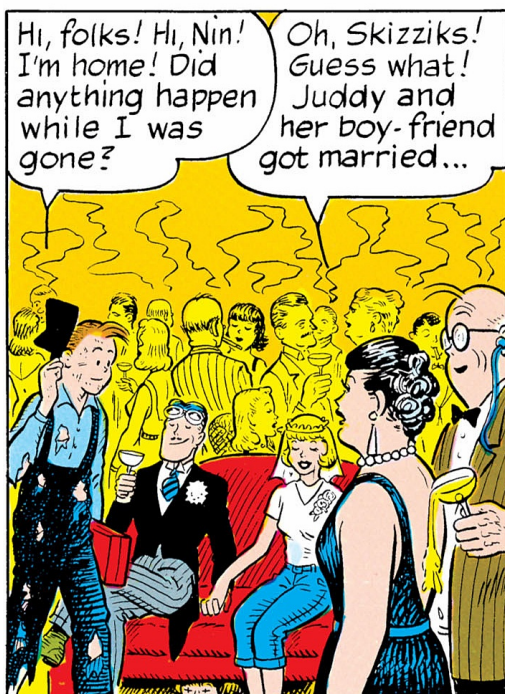
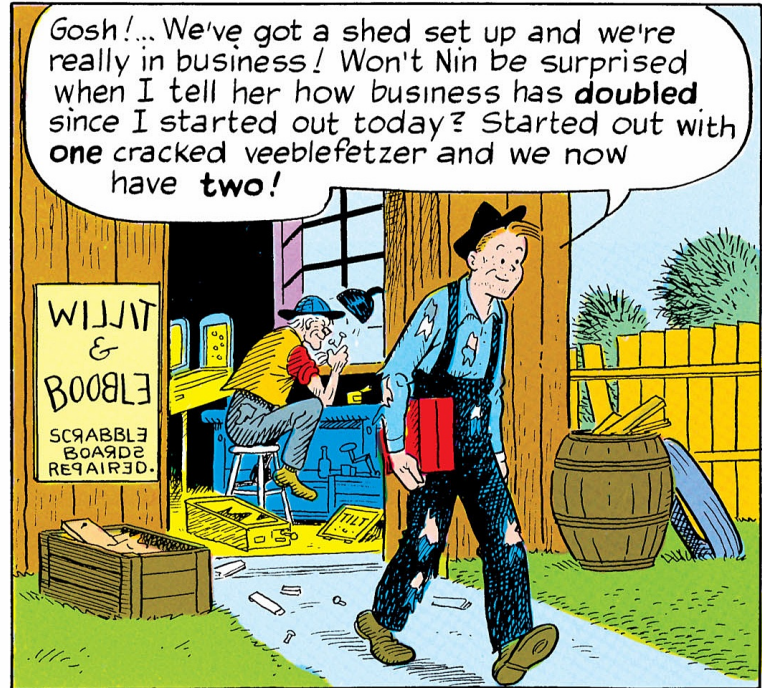


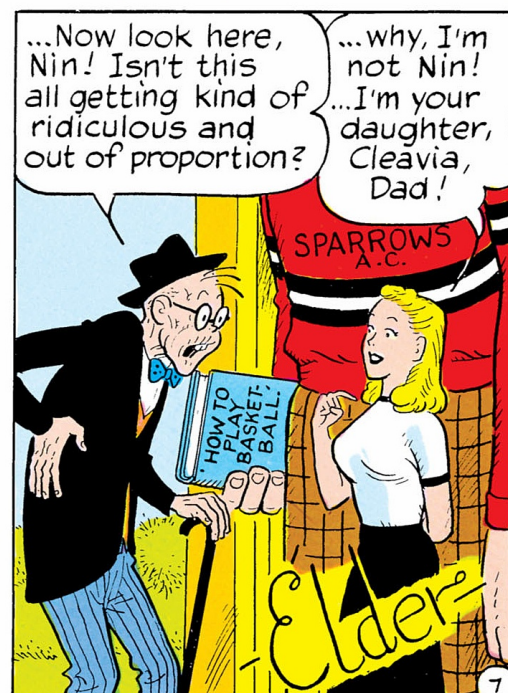
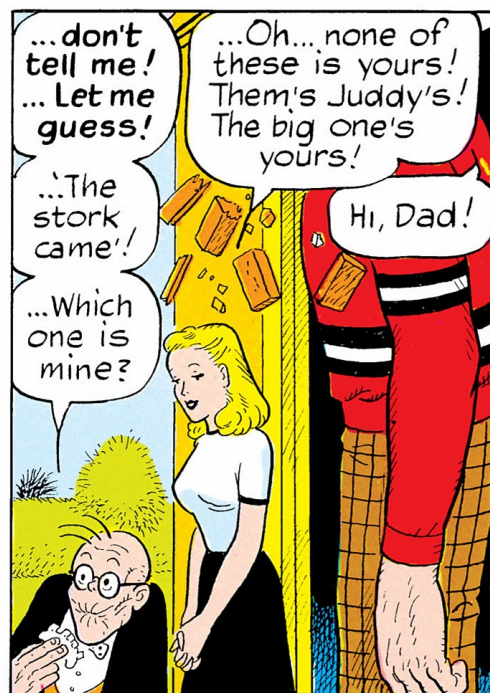
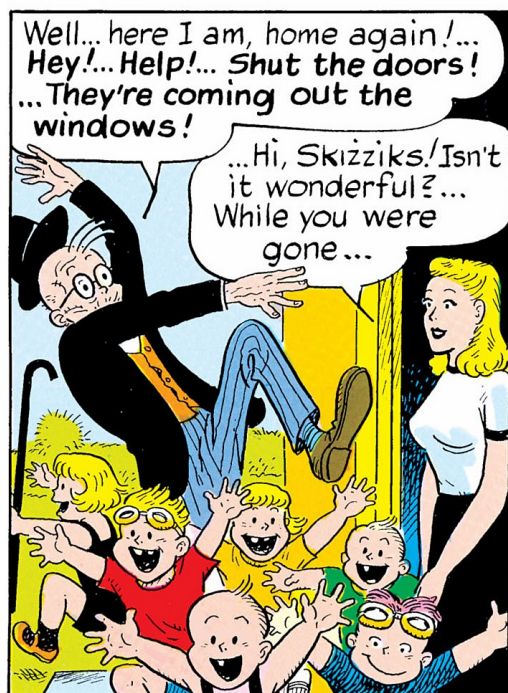
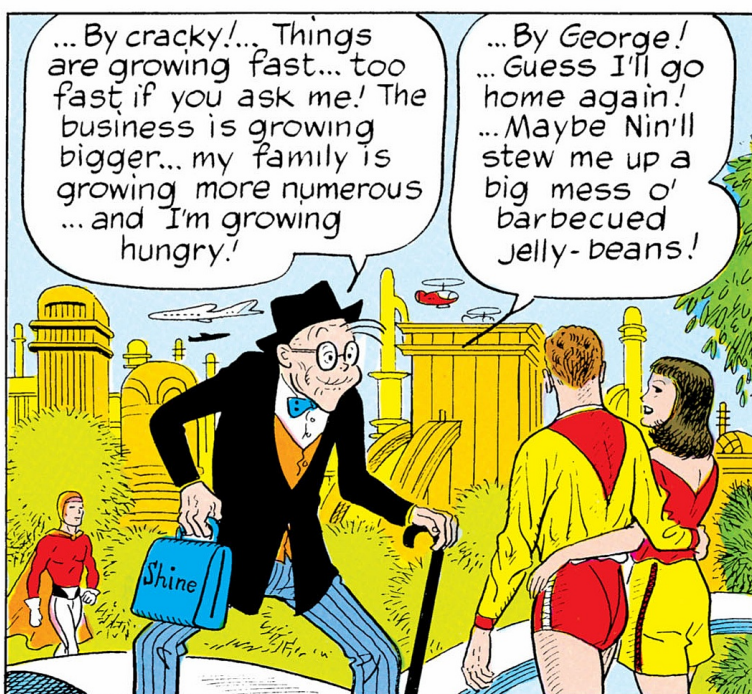
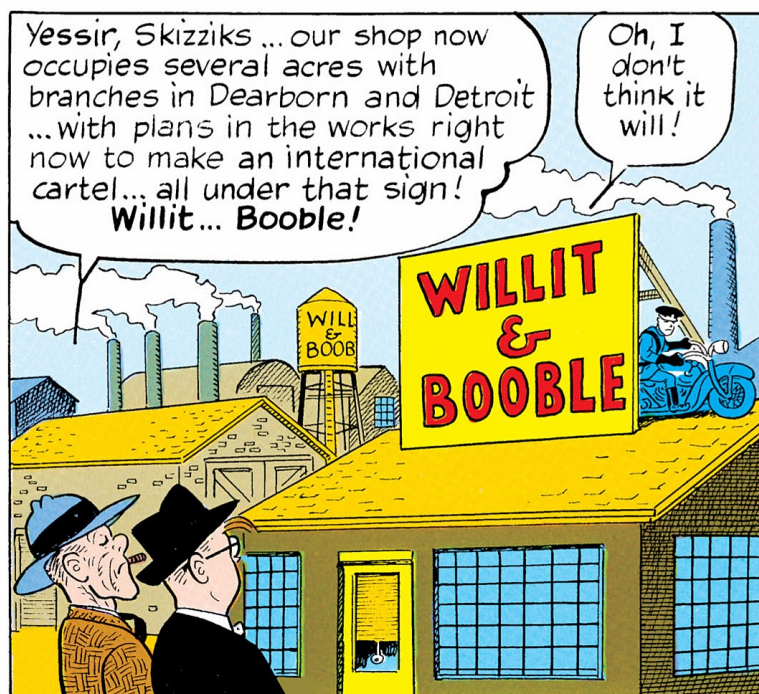
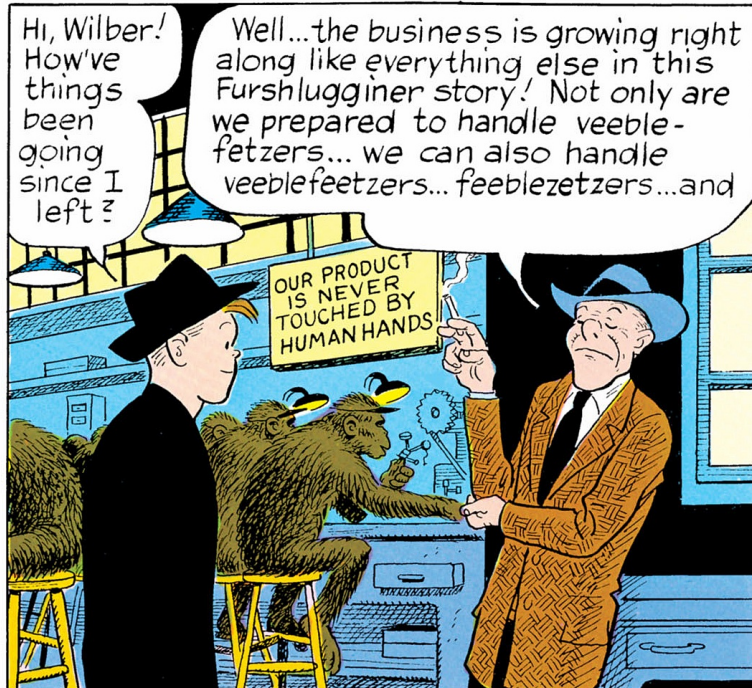
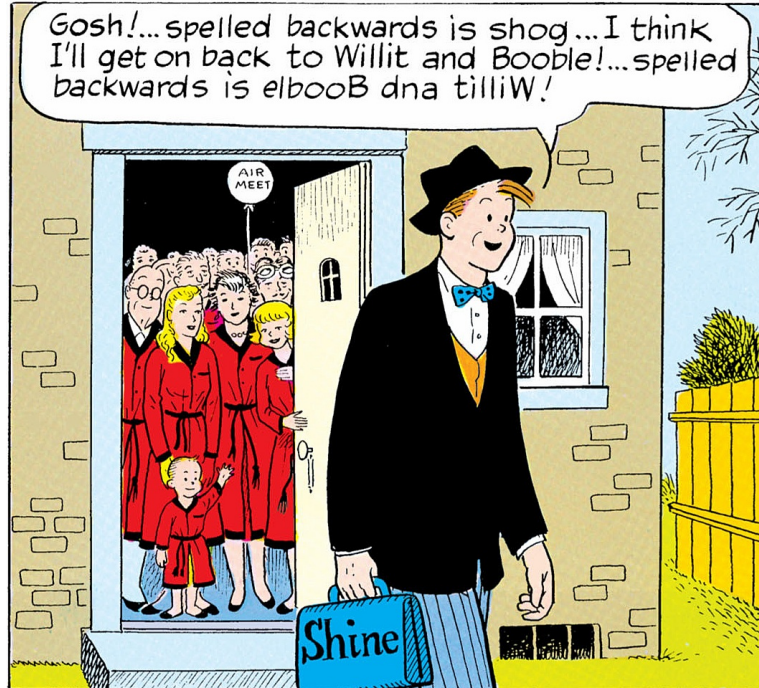


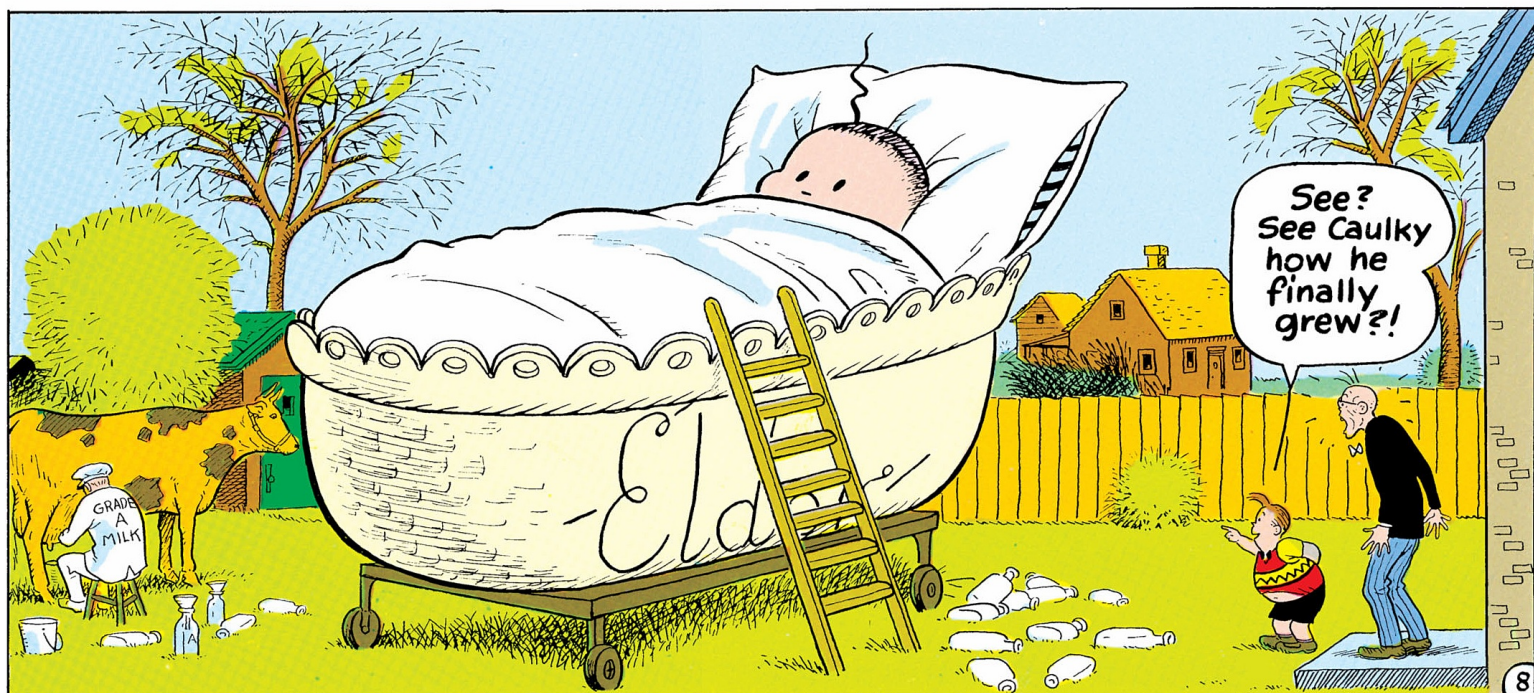
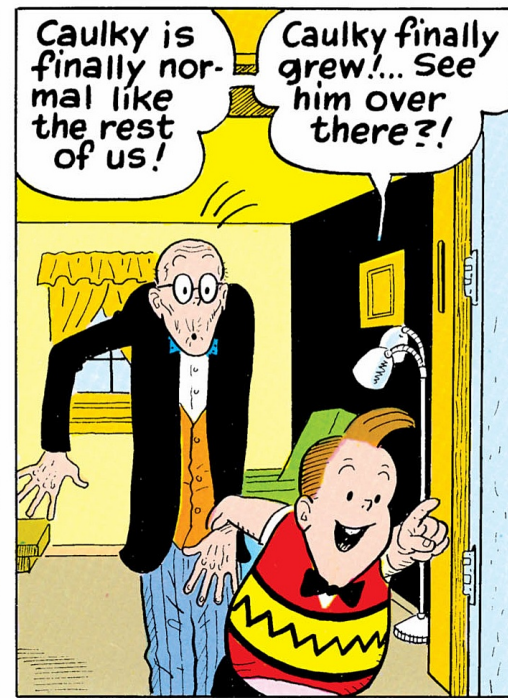
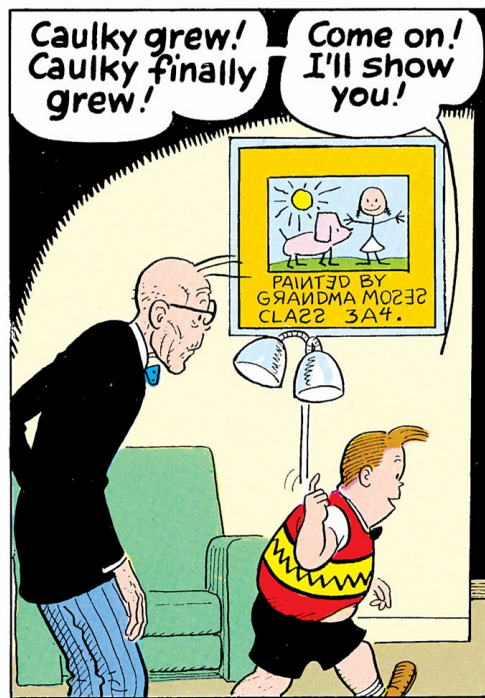
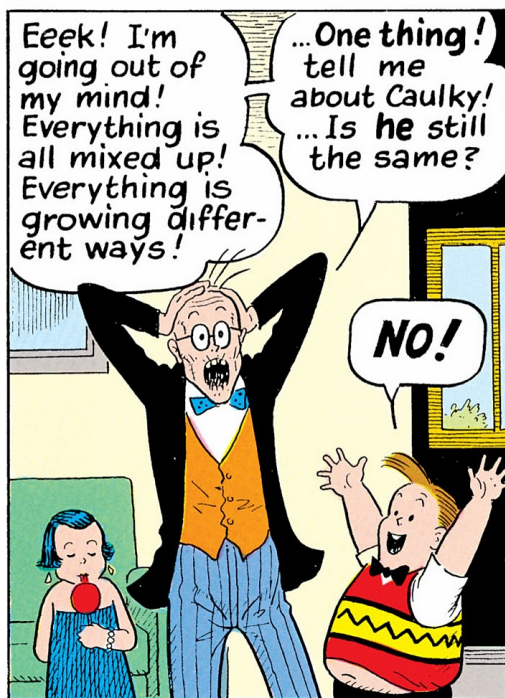
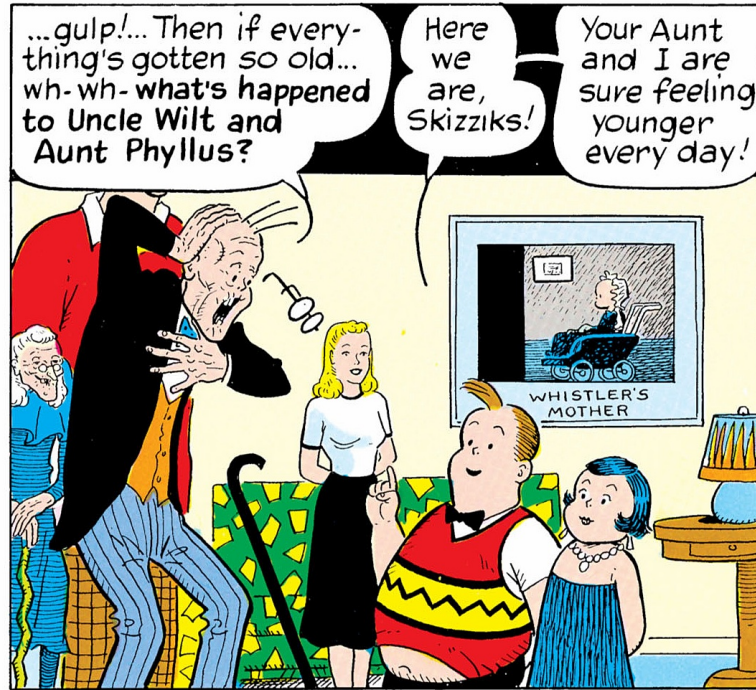
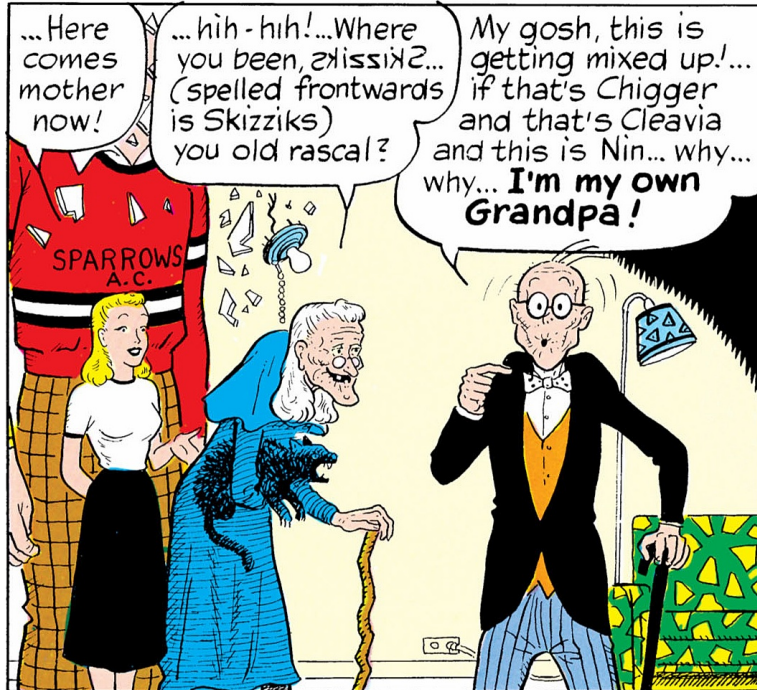








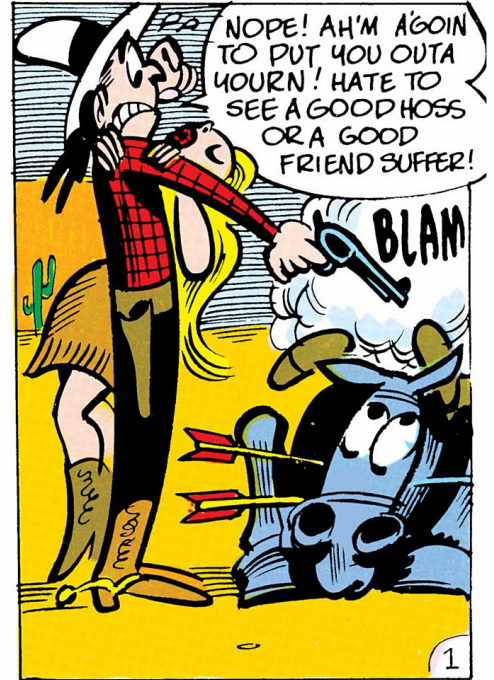
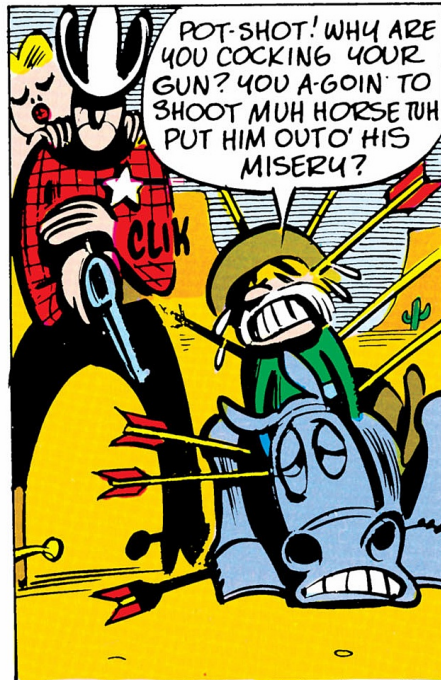
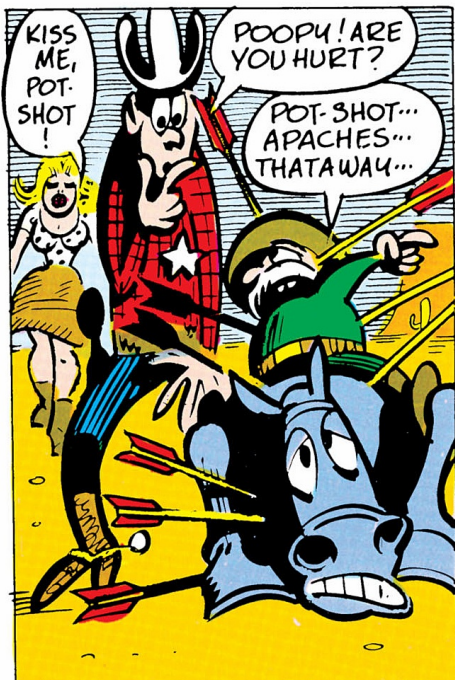


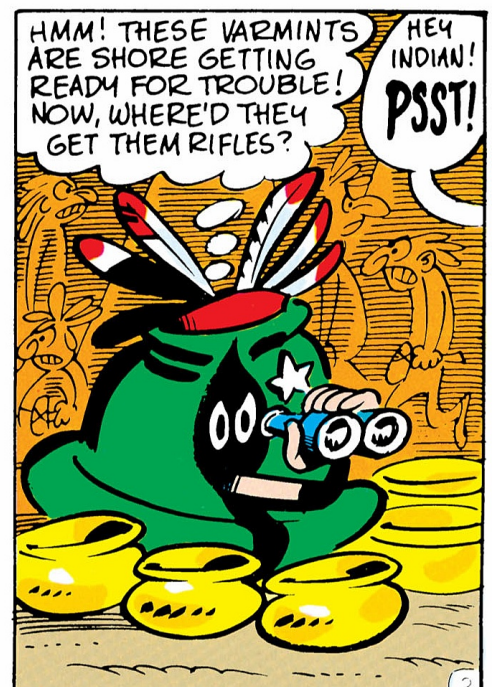
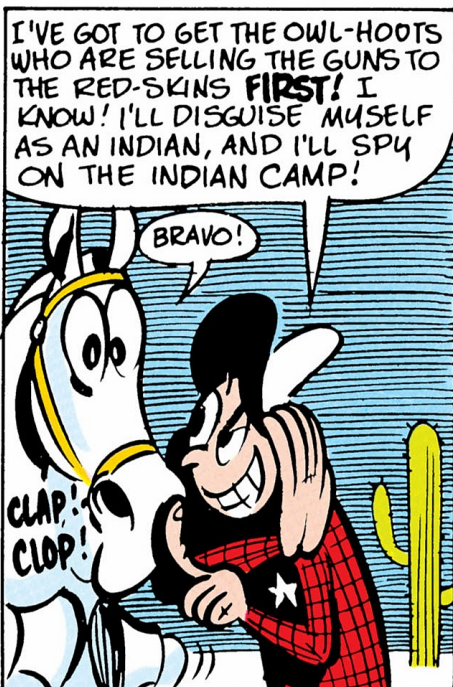
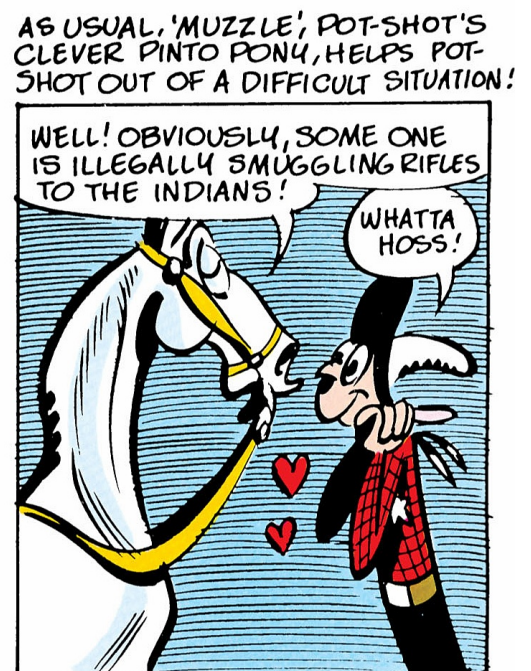
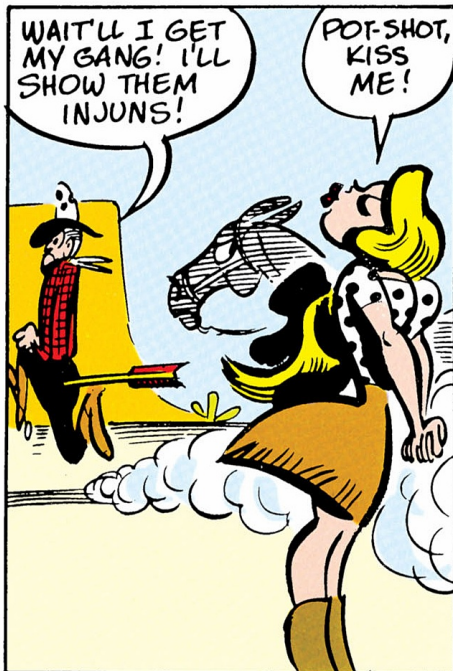
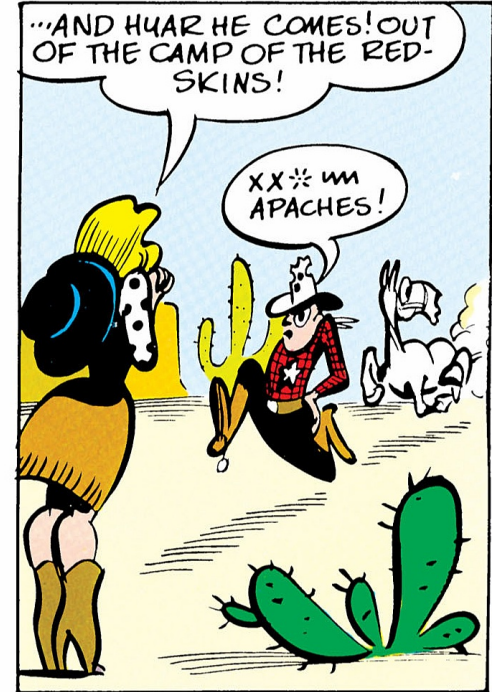
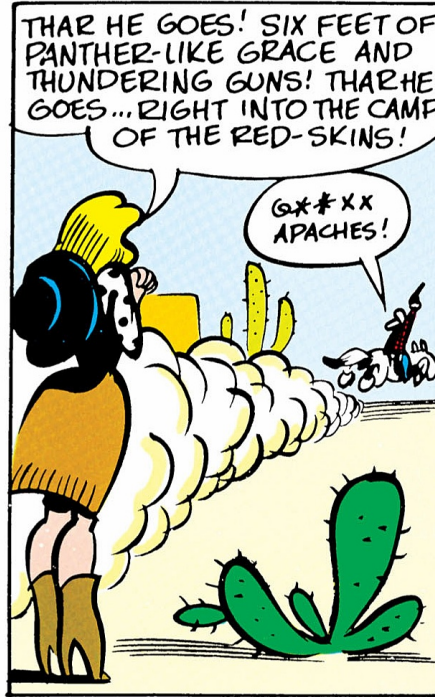
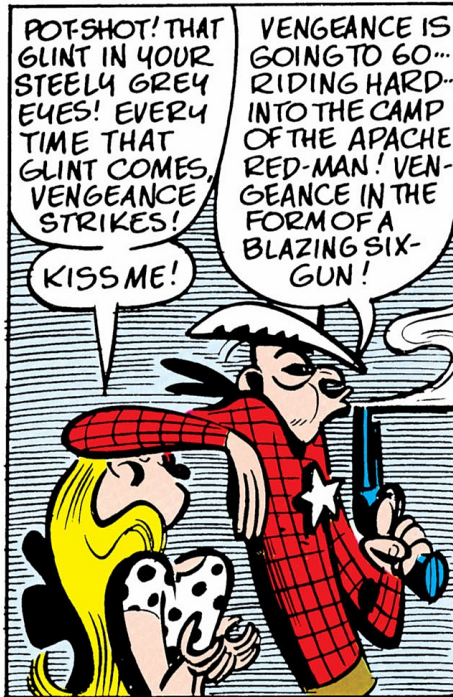


POT-SHOT PETE...

Sheriff of
Yucca-pucca Gulch

APACHES ON THE WARPATH!
TERROR GRIPS THE
HEART OF THE STAUN-
CHEST PIONEER WHEN
THE APACHE GOES
LOCO... BURNING,
KILLING, SCALPING!
BUT THE APACHE
HISTORIANS STILL
TALK OF THE
BLACK DAY WHEN
THE APACHE
TRIBE CROSSED
TOMAHAWKS
WITH SHERIFF
POT-SHOT PETE
AND WERE GIVEN
A DOSE OF
THE SAME
MEDICINE
THEY GAVE
CUSTER
AT BULL-
RUN!

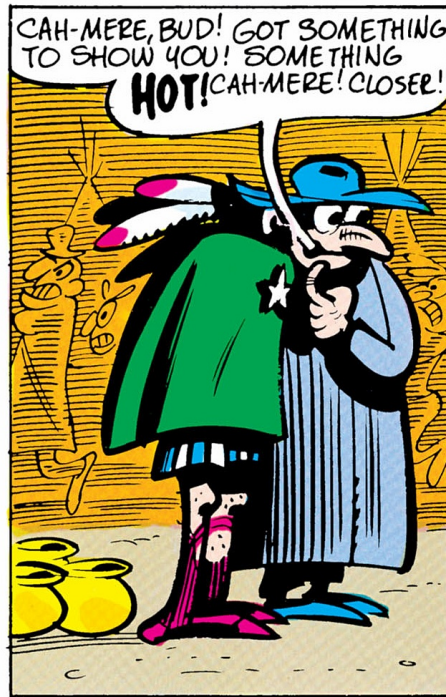




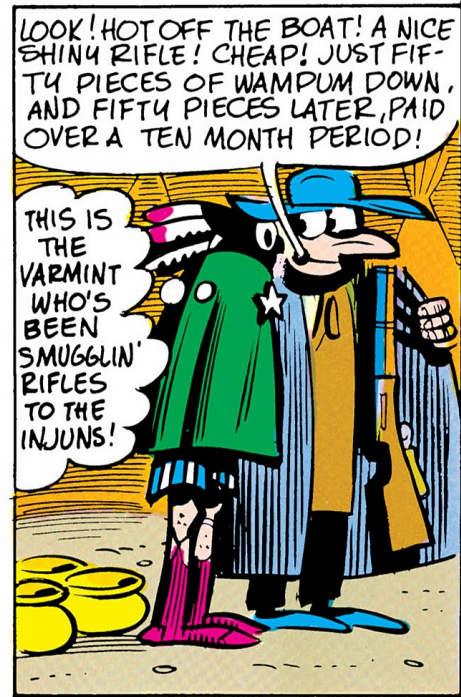


YOU-UM CALLUM ME-UM? WHAT-UM YOU WANT-UM? UM?

HEY! INDIAN! CAH-MERE! PSST!

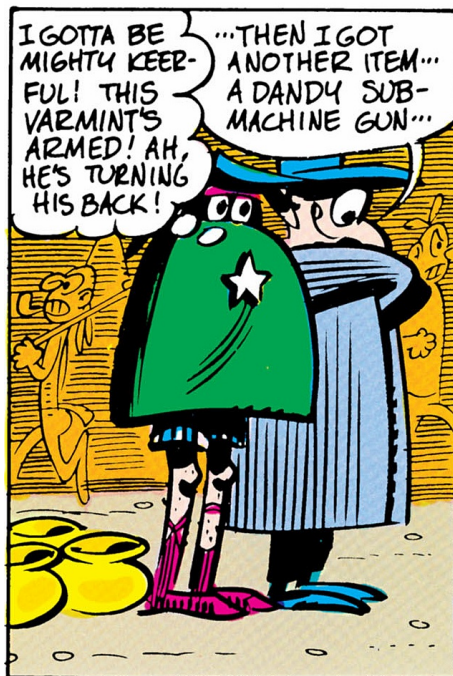


CAH-MERE, BUD! GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU! SOMETHING HOT! CAH-MERE! CLOSER!



LOOK! HOT OFF THE BOAT! A NICE SHINY RIFLE! CHEAP! JUST FIFTY PIECES OF WAMPUM DOWN, AND FIFTY PIECES LATER, PAID OVER A TEN MONTH PERIOD!

THIS IS THE VARMINT WHO'S BEEN SMUGGLIN' RIFLES TO THE INJUNS!



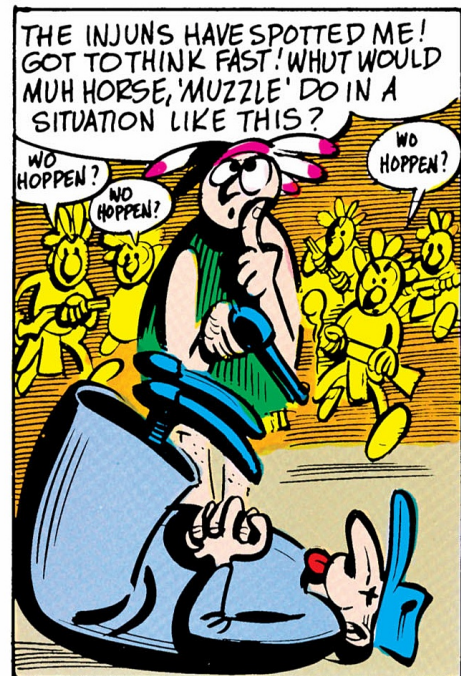
I GOTTA BE MIGHTY KEEFUL! THIS VARMINT'S ARMED! AH, HE'S TURNING HIS BACK!

...THEN I GOT ANOTHER ITEM... A DANDY SUB-MACHINE GUN...



HIS BACK IS TURNED AN' BOTH HIS HANDS IS OCCUPIED! NOW IS MY CHANCE TO GIVE HIM A TASTE OF MY FAST DRAW!

BL-
BLAM!



THE INJUNS HAVE SPOTTED ME! GOT TO THINK FAST! WHUT WOULD MUH HORSE, 'MUZZLE' DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?

WO HOPPEN?
NO HOPPEN?

WO HOPPEN?



WO HOPPEN HERE, FELLA?

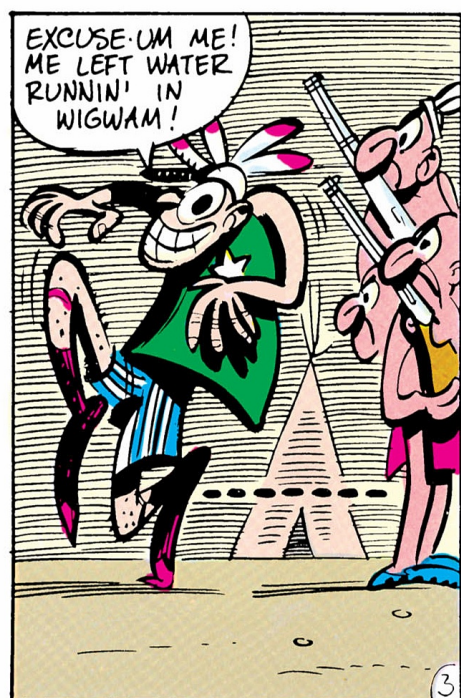
TIYU KIMOSAVEE! ME INJUN JUST LIKEUM YOU! ME KETCHUM WHITE FELLER POKING AROUND! ME GIVEUM TASTE OF MUH FAST DRAW!

WANNA PUFF ON-UM MU PEACE PIPE?

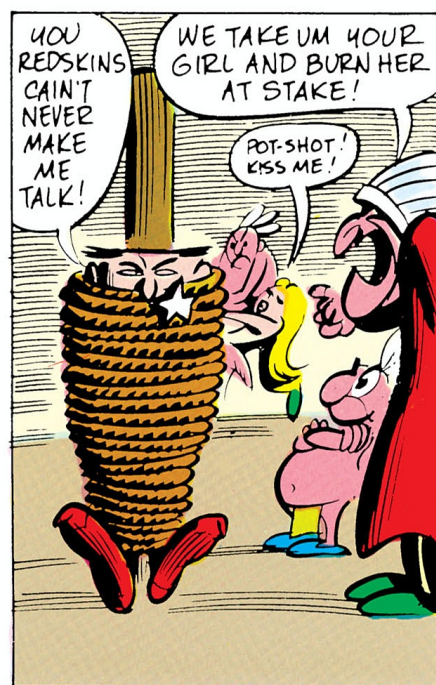
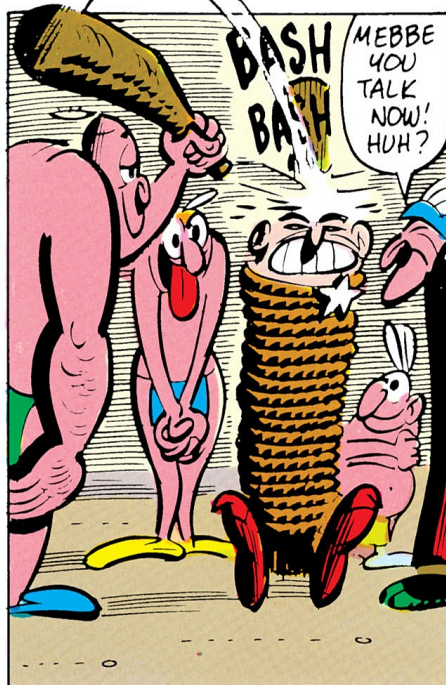
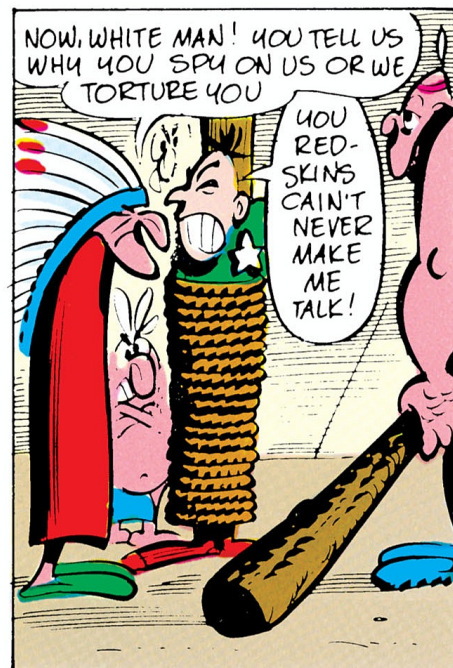
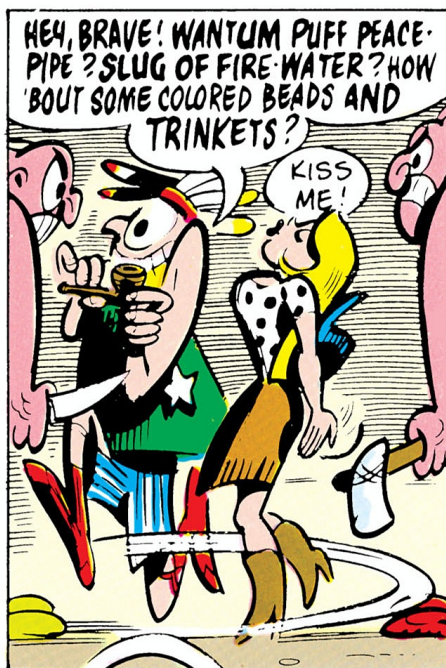
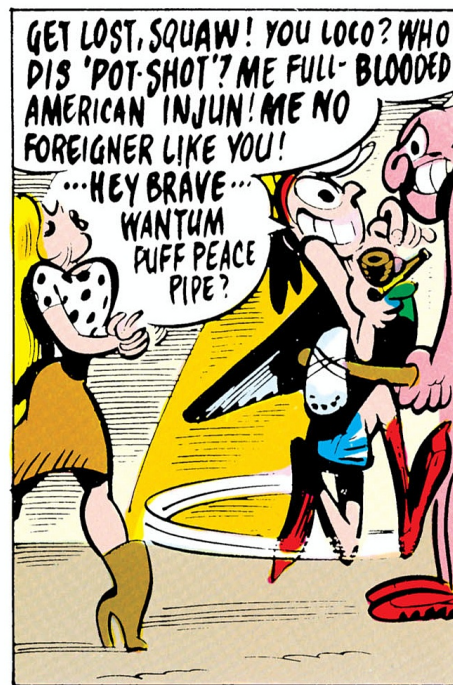
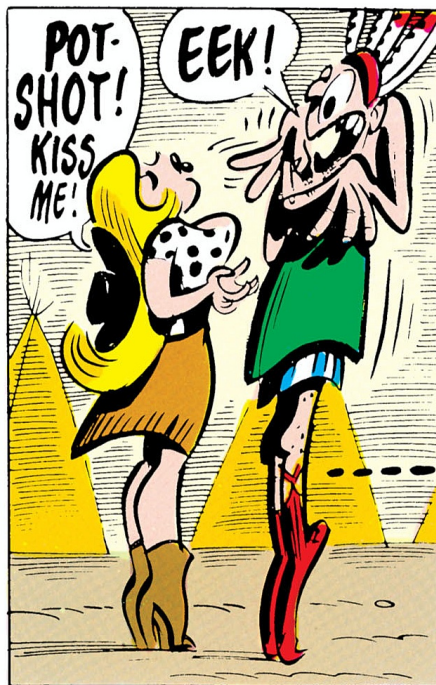


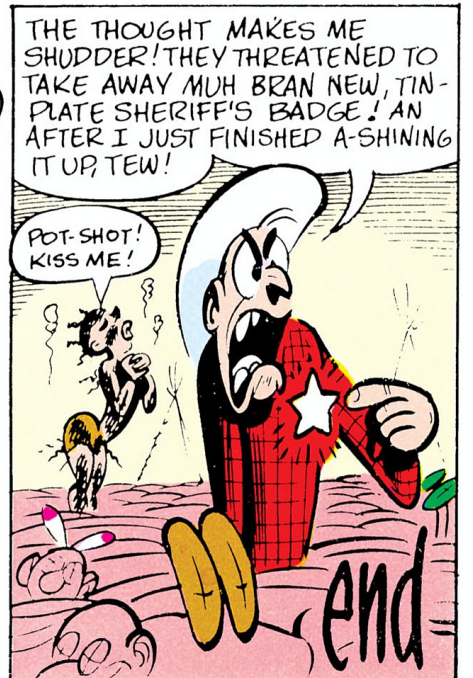
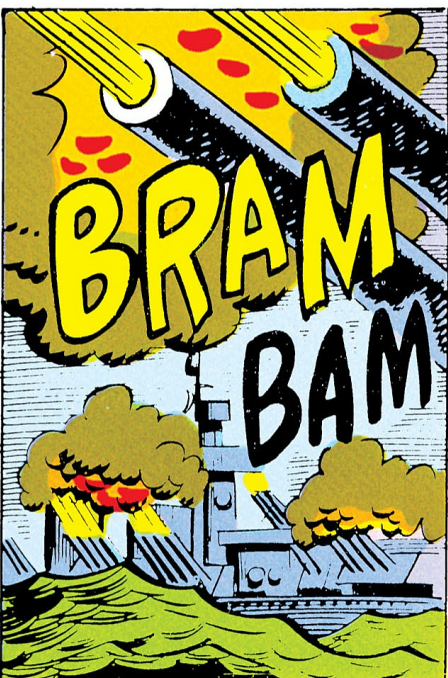
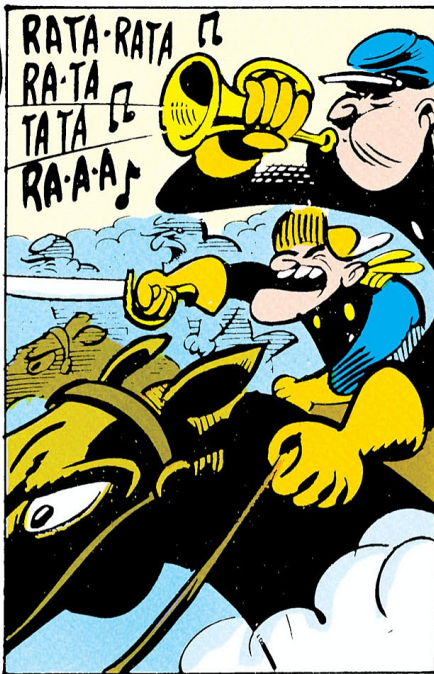
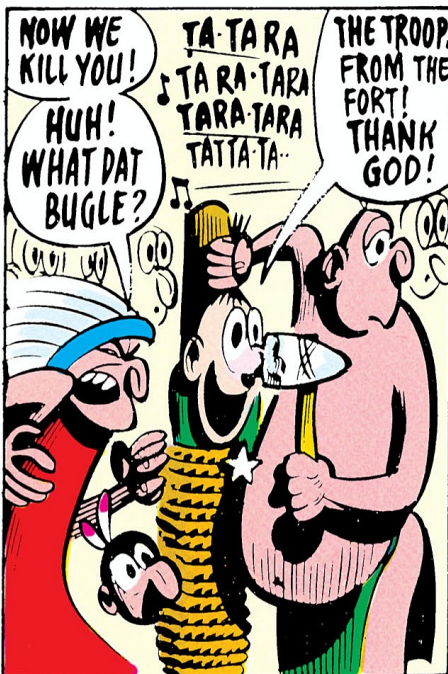
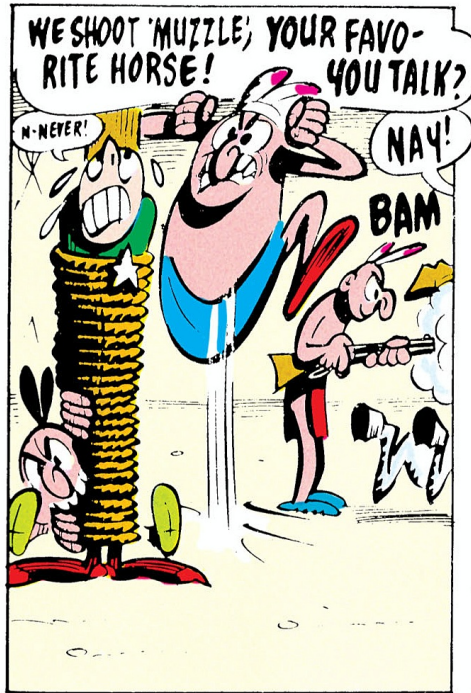
YOU MIGHTY FUNNY LOOKIN' INJUN!

ME INJUN! HONEST INJUN ME INJUN! WANNUM PUFF ON PEACE PIPE? GOT SPECIAL RUM AND MAPLE TOBACCO!



EXCUSE-UM ME! ME LEFT WATER RUNNIN' IN WIGWAM!





有無限的友好之感，我更常常讚佩華民族的悠久文化與民族智慧，我常讀美國賽珍珠女士關於描寫中國著作，我認為賽珍珠女士是大的作家之一。

親愛的執事先生，我希望用你這筆告訴住在紐約的中國婦女們希望們能抽出一部份寶貴的時間，寫信這一位寂寞的中國婦人，她的中文字叫「徐明君」，是一位極溫柔的妻良母型的女子，她的通訊處是：

常備中西餅食咖

Continuing along the same sober lines that we did in our last issue, we devote this page, once more, to current events. If these articles have helped you, as they have us while preparing them, you can easily see the picture taking shape of what lies ahead. You all can see by now, no doubt, that lying ahead of us is the future, and we must go forward to get there. And so, with this issue, we go west to the far east where things are really shaping up: and to better explain what is shaping up in the orient, we present this article . . .

果能讀到她自己所認識的文字的話，在上海與一位名字叫作保羅披她一定會感到興奮的！此祝撰并！加德國商人結婚，雖然披爾士先

詩夫人寄自西德布萊梅城。』
Potrzebie (編者按) 編者讀了加詩夫人這封

令人感動的信以後，除了感謝她的熱誠以及對中國友好的誠意以外，我們還從郵局寄了一些書報雜誌給留居德國小鄉鎮中的徐明君女士，歐洲因為華僑人數極少，尚沒有鉛印的華文報紙，我們決定以後經常寄一點報紙過去，同時盼僑界人士能夠寫信給她！裏定居了下來，但是蒼天不佑

中國婦人伴著叁個孩子，依靠於政府的菲薄救濟金過活，不特此也，她不懂講德語，也聽不懂旁人講德語，她只能講中國的上海本地話，生活環境和風土人情完全與東方隔膜。無比的寂寞籠罩著她那個殘破的家庭，她逐漸消瘦懦弱而喪失生命的活力。我（婦自稱）讀了那段德國報紙的新聞以後，一夜不能入睡，我為那位可憐的來自數千英里外的遠東婦人的遭遇而感到衷心難過，她除了物質生活

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MAD MUMBLINGS

Dear Editors,

(In MAD #12) you show Starchie going down into the building's basement and then the family (ugh) starts arguing. Next the neighbors start yelling as you can see them through the window. Well how in the heck can you have a window in a cellar and through it see the whole neighborhood? I demand an explanation!—John S. Davidson—Sparks, Nev.

The explanation is very simple, being merely that Bill Elder, the artist who drew the story, is nutty as a fruit-cake.—Ed.

...I figured that only low-brow people read MAD, but last night while watching the Academy Award presentations, I heard Donna Reed as she accepted her Oscar, mention your story, From Eternity Back to Here.—Charles W. Chapoton, Jr.—Aiken, S. C.

...It grieves me to have to write this letter, but it's necessary. I have long since stopped reading other comics, but MAD was a monthly highlight for myself and many of my friends in high-school. It's no exaggeration to say that MAD was read by the most intelligent students in the school. Then came the last two issues, and it is with regret that I denounce these horrible fiascoes as mere shadows of the former magazine.—Bob Hanning—Brooklyn, N. Y.

...Me gusta mucho MAD, pero una cosa me disturbe. ¿Que quiere decir 'Potrzebie'? Como no soy Ruso no puedo entender.—David Anderson—Washington, D. C.

...In Rōmā antiquā habitō, itaque MAD invenire nōn saepe possum. Sed, operā magnā, MAD II cōnsequi potui. Nunc vōs inimicī mei estis! Dē āmentīā ferō! Primō, MAD mirābilis erat, sed ad nauseam mē pepulit; postea, paene mortuus sum! Ad Novam Yorkam moveō (quam primum). Cōnābiminīne invenire mihi 'Insulam'? Vōbīs grātiās agō.—Daniel Markewich—New York, N. Y.—Post Scriptum: Domī āmentī incolō. He-he-he-he!

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By George, these letters are getting harder to translate every day.—ed.

... Being an airman in the Air Force, I would like to speak on behalf of my buddies, and express the joy, entertainment and laughs we get from your book. Just in case you're looking for an idea, I believe *your views* on 'A Day With K.P.' would be terrific.—A/3c L. Camel, U.S.A.F.—Bay St. Louis, Miss.

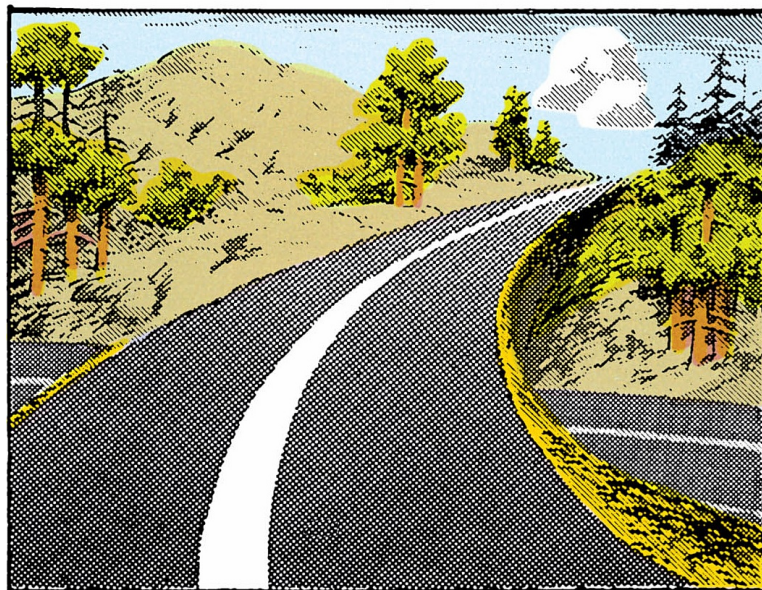
... Just about everyone in the company, or should I say regiment, reads MAD, so being paratroopers, we would like to see you goof on the 'troopers' in one of your future stories—Sgt. Victor Goff—82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

... Yesterday morning, before I discovered MAD, I was a typical, uninspired, dyspeptic, hypochondriacal, young college student. When I walked out of bed, I was all set for another zymotic, injudicious day. I slid unenthusiastically down the bannister (or do I mean barrister?) on my pneumatic lawn-mower to breakfast. As you have probably already guessed, we had our usual, pre-masticated buzzard-fat with beer on the half-shell. Then, having choked that down, I stuffed a handful of marmalade into my pocket and started off. While splashing dyspeptically down 33 1/3 R.P.M. Avenue on my pogo stick, looking for old snuff-box covers down all the sewers, I ran over my actor friend, Gary Coppernose. I noticed that Gary was reading a subversive magazine called MAD, which I immediately recognized to be a cheap, slimy, anarchistic IMITATION of my uncle Egbert's magazine, НАМИ НЕОБЫКНОВЕННЮ РАСКРЫВАЕТ ПЕРЕД, found at all better beer stores. Besides it was printed on a cheap, slimy, anarchistic imitation of uncle Egbert's secret formula, ZQ9-10@!/? parchment! Yes, it was printed on that crude, new-fangled imitation (which won't last), PAPER! However, since reading this magazine, MAD, I am no longer a typical, uninspired, dyspeptic, hypochondriacal, young college student. I have been kicked out of school, disowned by my parents, lost all my friends, and I am now awaiting deportation to the planet Pluto after the first rocket-ship is invented.—Walt Place—Detroit, Mich.

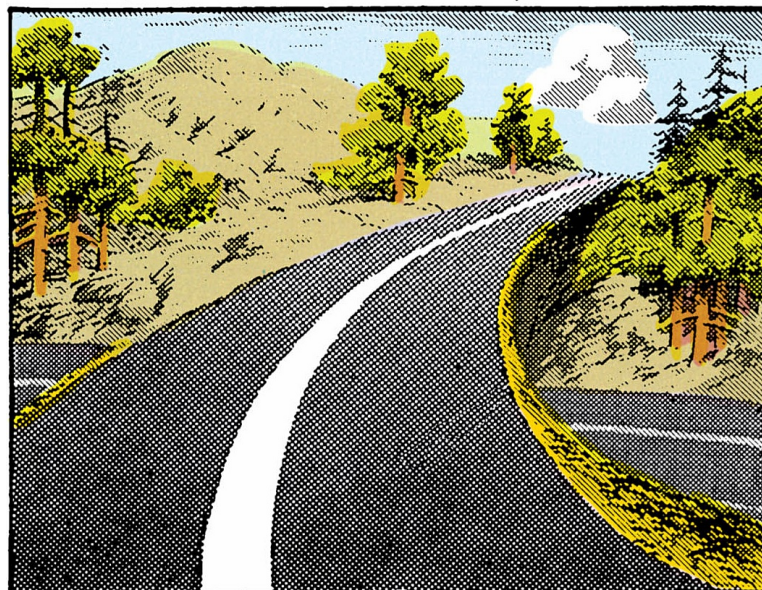
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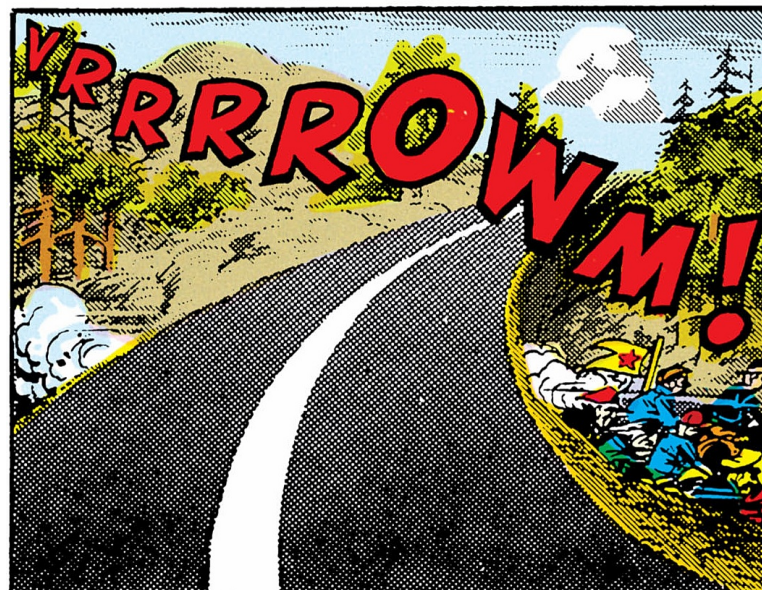
HOLLYWOOD DEPT. :...NOTICE THE WAY THEY START SOME MOVIES NOWADAYS?...NO TITLE AT THE BEGINNING... THE MOVIE STARTS RIGHT IN WITH A SCENE ...



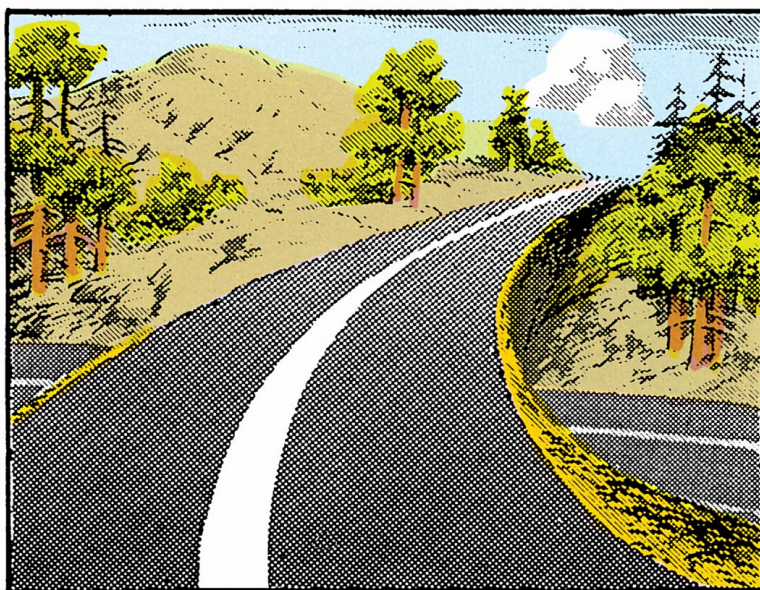
...NOTHING ELSE!...JUST A HIGHWAY!...THAT'S HOW THE PICTURE STARTS!...FOR A HALF AN HOUR, JUST A HIGHWAY!...BUT YOU KNOW, BY THE WAY THAT HIGHWAY GOES, SOMETHING'S COMING!



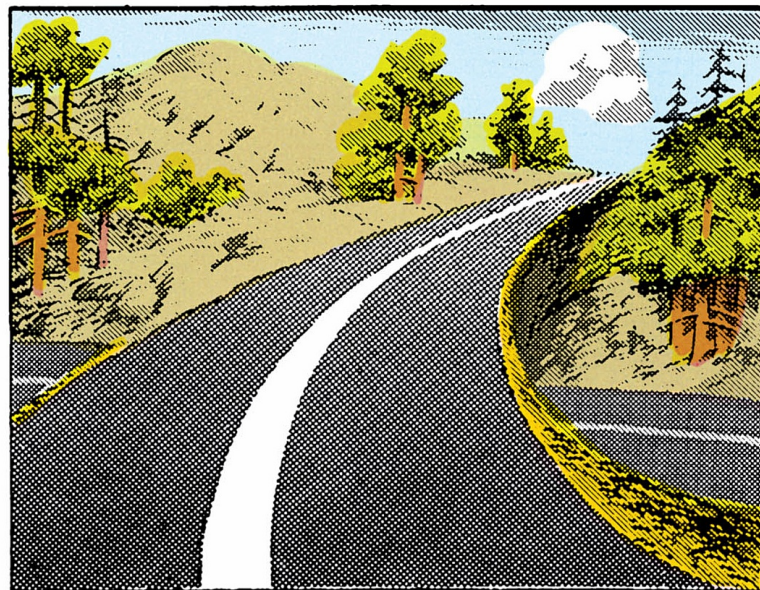
...A FAINT ROAR COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY! YOU LOOK TO SEE WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY! LOUDER AND LOUDER...COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY!.. STILL...NOTHING ON THE HIGHWAY... HEY!



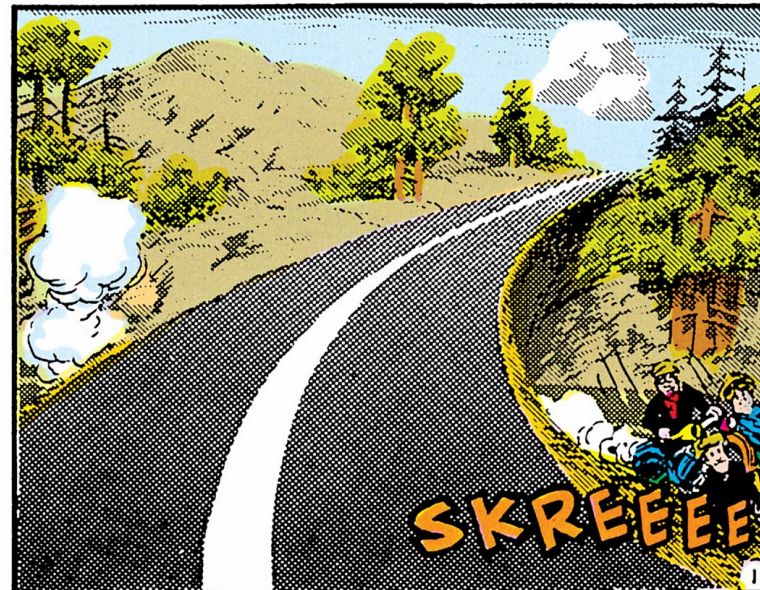
...LIKE IN THIS PICTURE WE SAW THE OTHER MONTH, IT STARTS WITH NO TITLE, NO CREDITS, NO NOTHING!...JUST A SCENE OF A HIGHWAY STRETCHING WAY OUT...



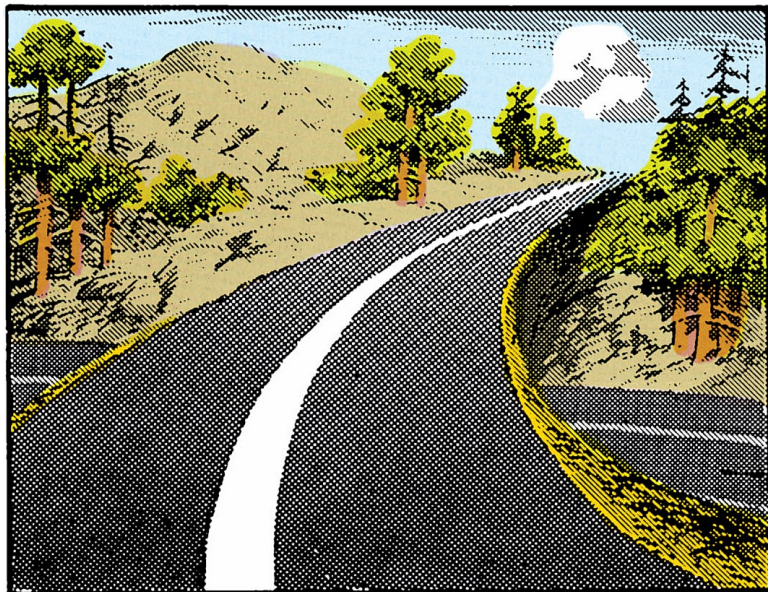
...YOU KNOW, BY THE WAY THAT HIGHWAY STRETCHES TO THE HORIZON, SOMETHING'S GOING TO COME DOWN THAT HIGHWAY! ... AND SURE ENOUGH...SOON YOU HEAR A NOISE!



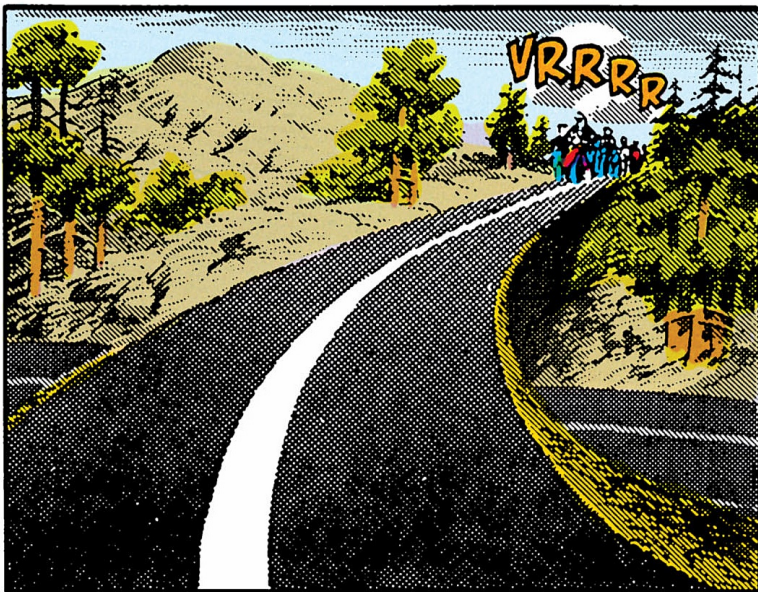
...WAIT A MINUTE!... YOU GUYS GOT THE WRONG HIGHWAY!... TAKE THEM MOTORCYCLES AND GO BACK AND COME UP THE RIGHT HIGHWAY!



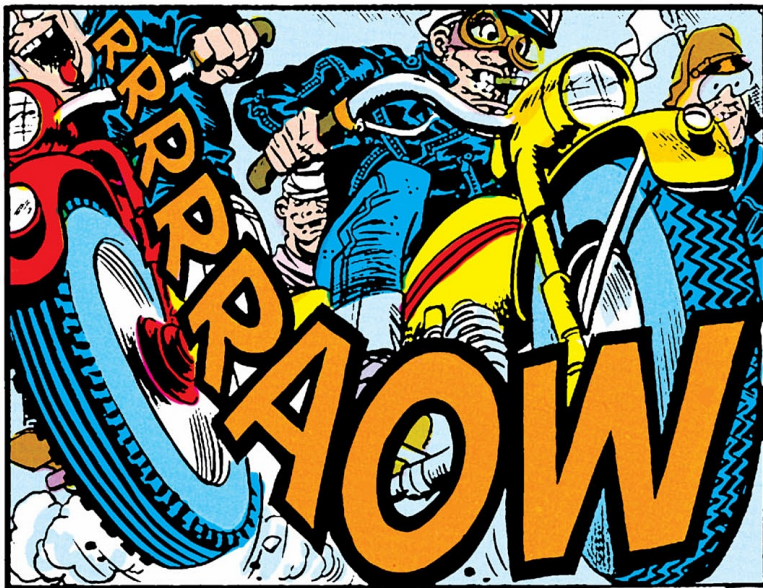
O.K.!... SO HERE WE GO AGAIN! TRYING TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS MOVIE STARTS!... SO HERE'S THIS HIGHWAY AGAIN... NOTHING ON IT!... NOUGHT... ZERO... NONE... NOTHING!



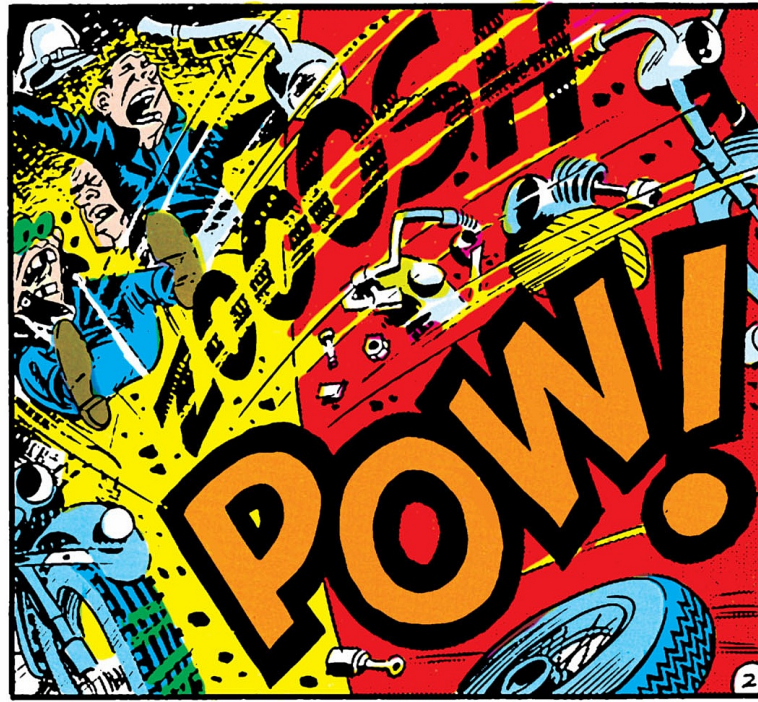
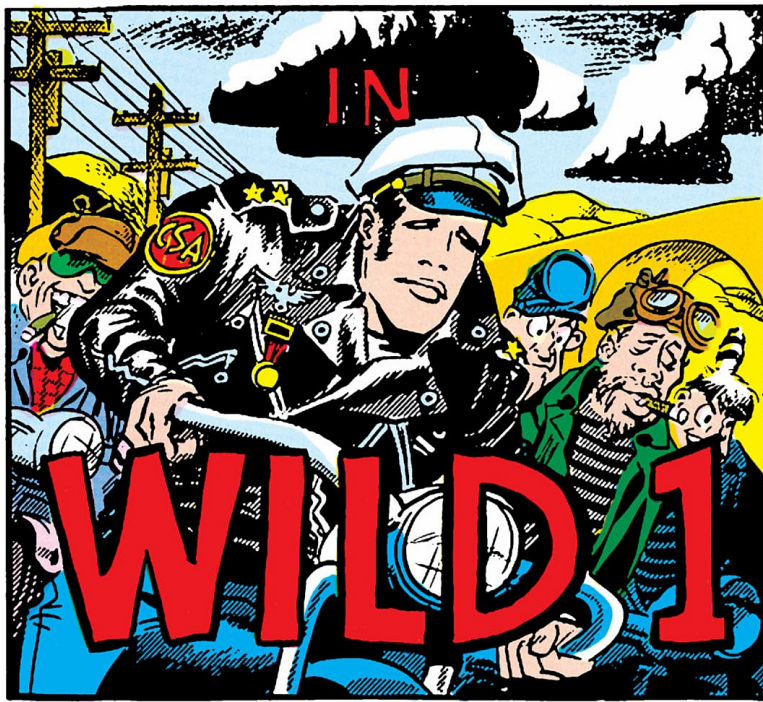
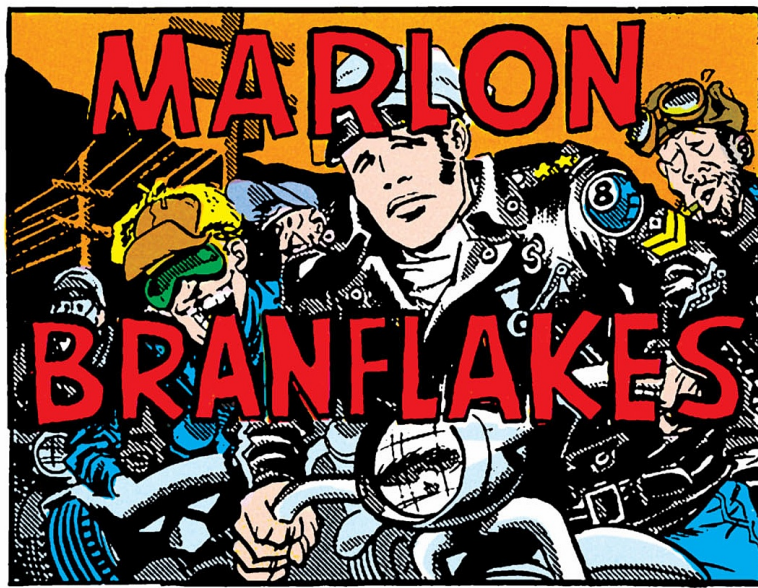
...ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU HEAR A NOISE... AH, HERE THEY COME... A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS SPEEDING ALONG IN THE DISTANCE... **CLOSER... LOUDER... FASTER...**

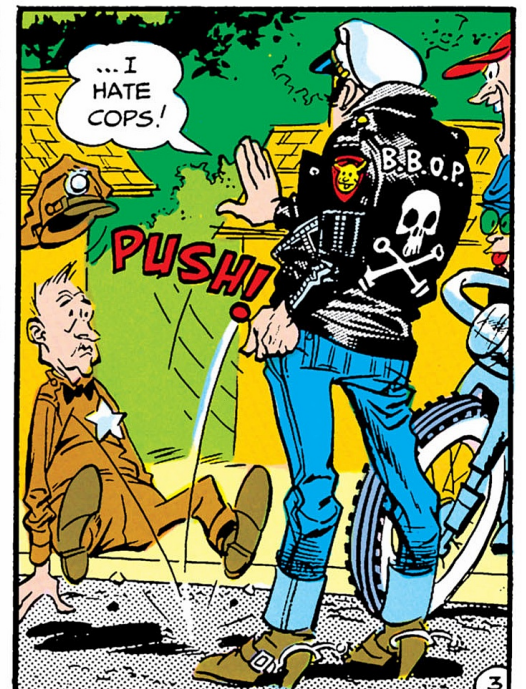
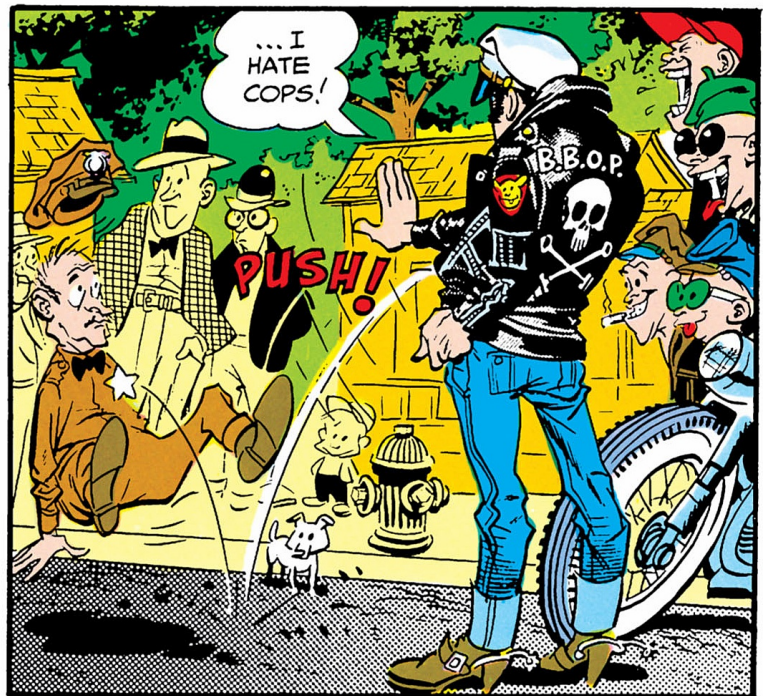
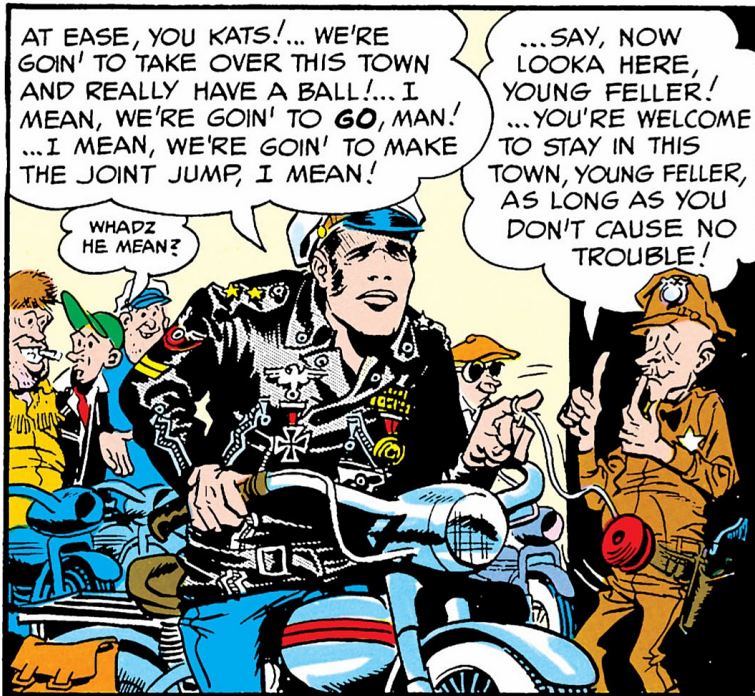
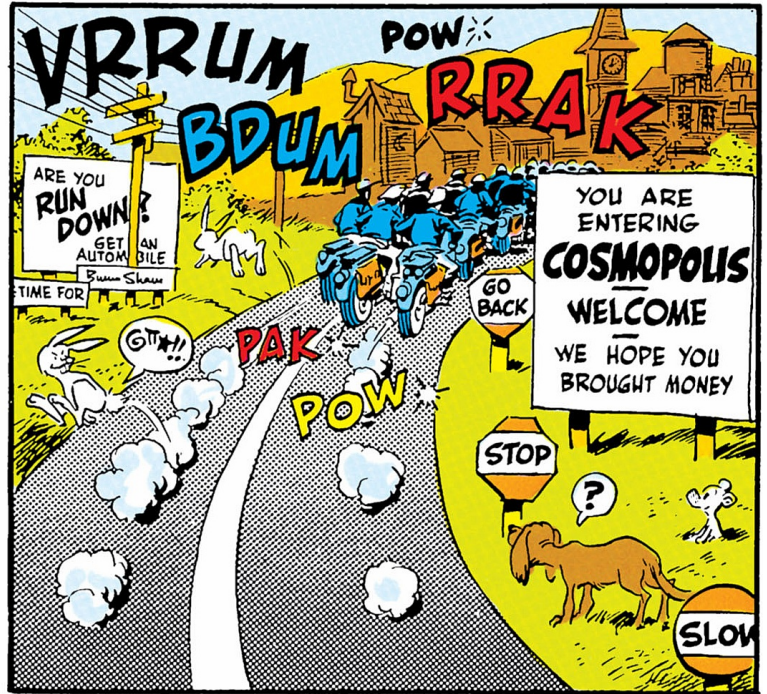


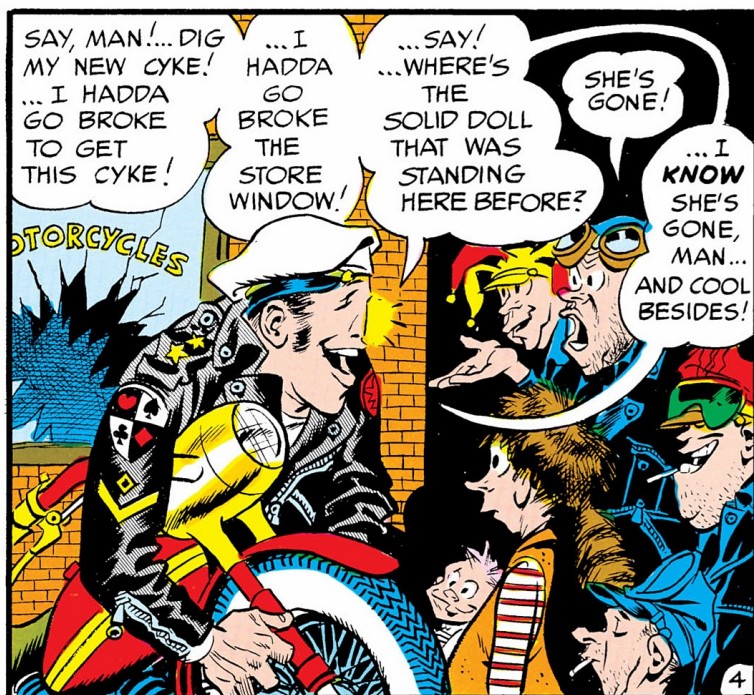
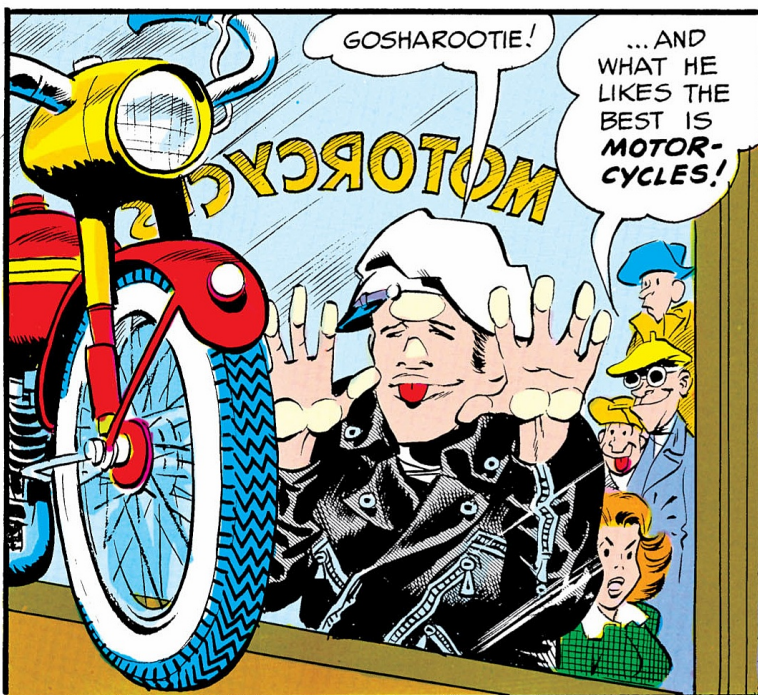
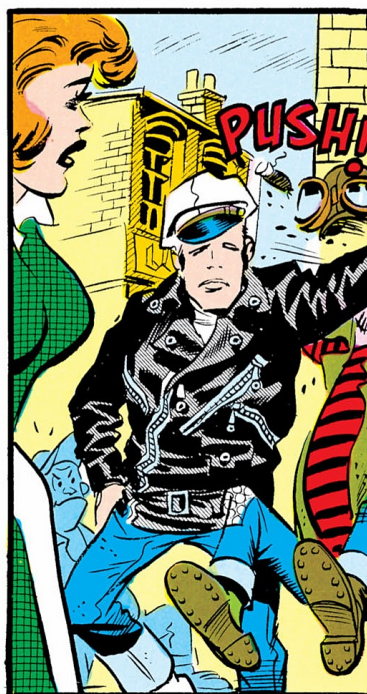
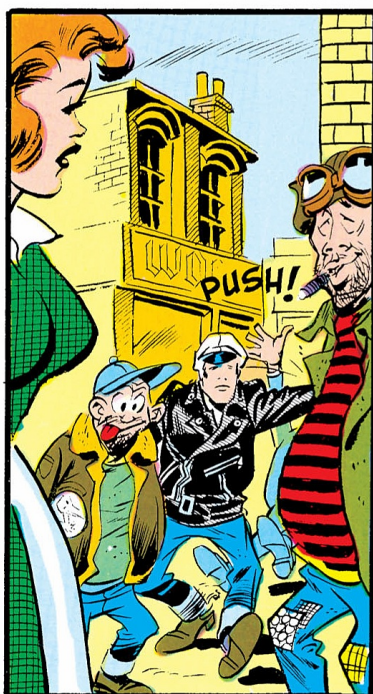
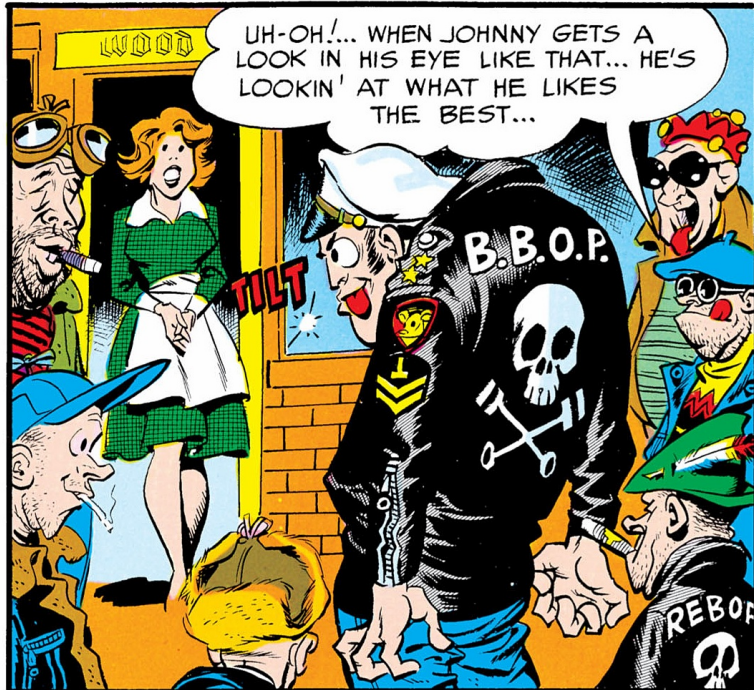
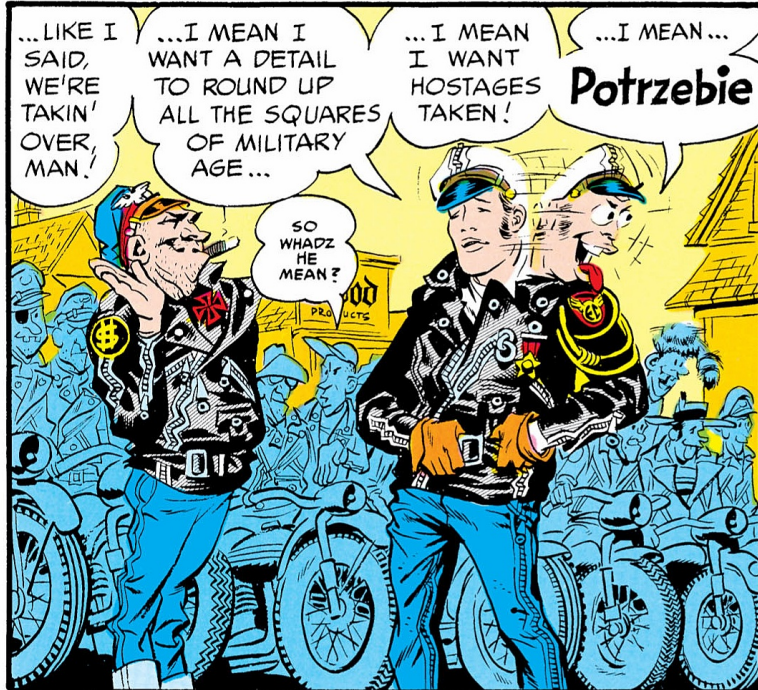
...THE SPEED BUILDS UP!... SOUND BUILDS UP!... THESE MOTORCYCLES ROAR RIGHT DOWN ON TOP OF YOU... SCARE YOU TO DEATH!... **WHAT A SCENE!**



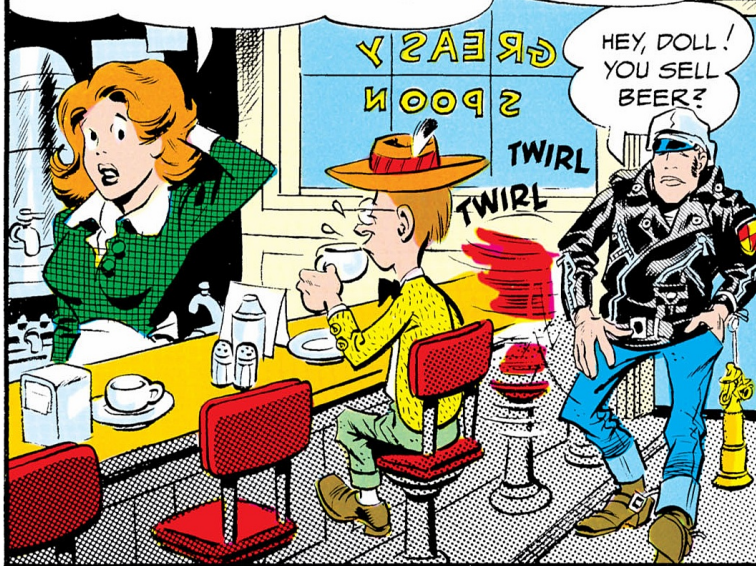
...THEN THE CAMERA PANS ONTO THE LEADER OF THIS BUNCH OF MOTORCYCLE CRAZIES AND HERE'S HOW THEY SNEAK THE TITLE IN... SOMETHING LIKE THIS...







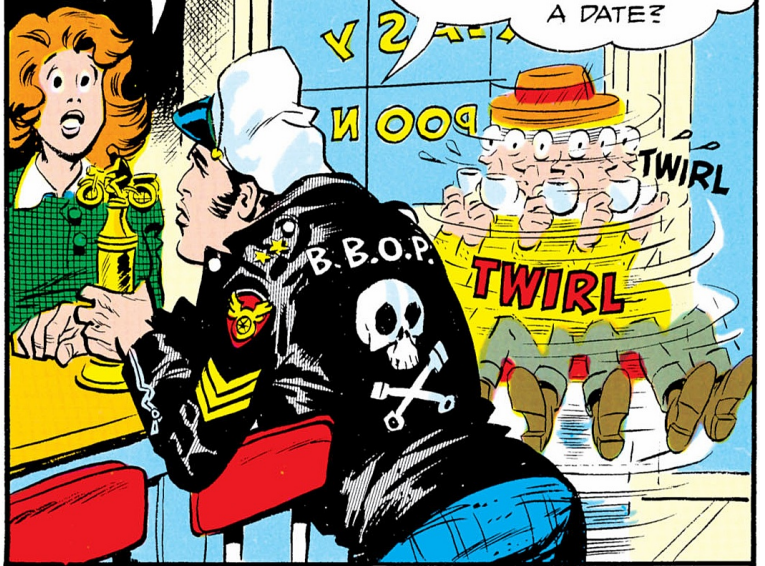
...I'D BETTER STAY INSIDE HERE BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY THAT 'JOHNNY' LOOKED AT ME AND BECAUSE HE'S NOTHING BUT A HOODLUM AND BECAUSE MOSTLY I LEFT MY MAKE-UP IN HERE!



WHAT'LL YOU HAVE? SHLITZ? BLATZ? BLITZ? ZETZ?

...WHAT'S THAT?

...MY MOTORCYCLE SPEED-RECORD TROPHY!... SAY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TONIGHT? HOW'S ABOUT A DATE?



...LISTEN!... I KNOW YOUR KIND!... YOU GO RIDING, LOOKING FOR TROUBLE AND YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED TILL YOU FIND TROUBLE AND YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!... OH, I KNOW YOUR KIND!... I KNOW YOUR KIND!

NOT ONLY AM I KIND... I'M GOOD TOO!

... YOU GOT ME WRONG, DOLL! I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A BALL... I MEAN A WING-DING... I MEAN...

WHADZ HE MEAN?



...I WOULDN'T GO OUT ON A DATE WITH YOU EVEN IF YOU BEGGED ON HANDS AND KNEES... EVEN IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH... EVEN IF YOU WERE THE BEST!

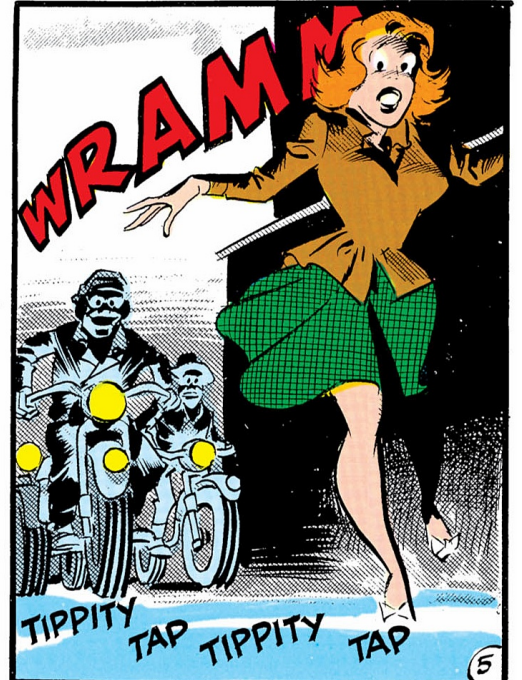
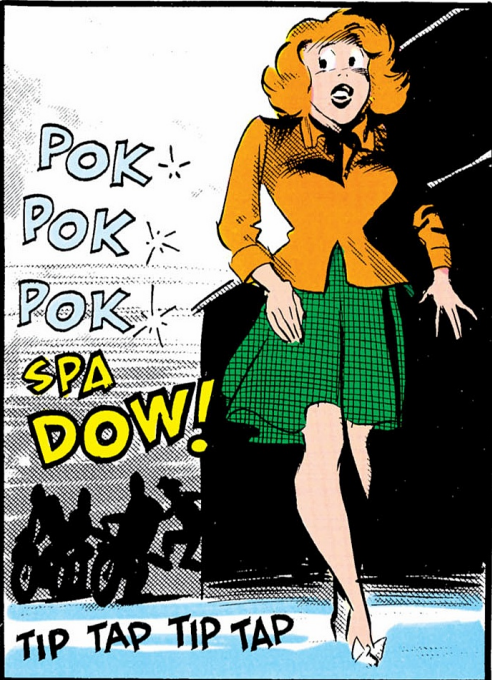
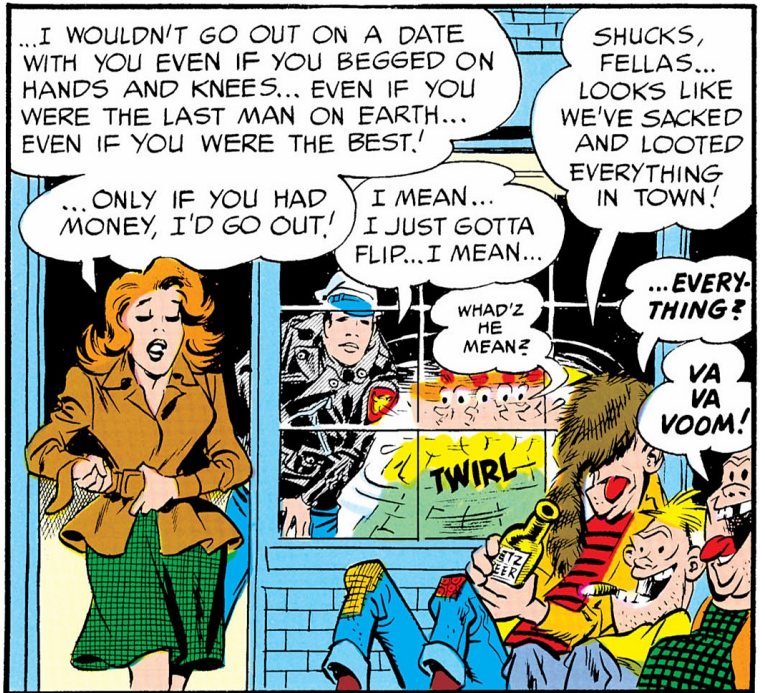
... ONLY IF YOU HAD MONEY, I'D GO OUT!

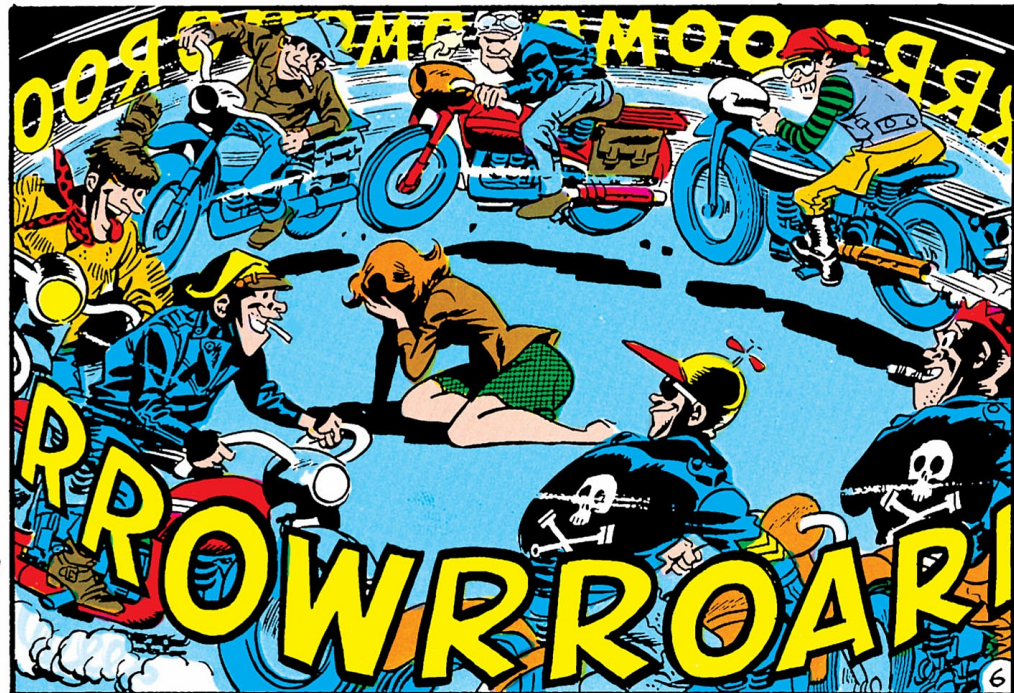
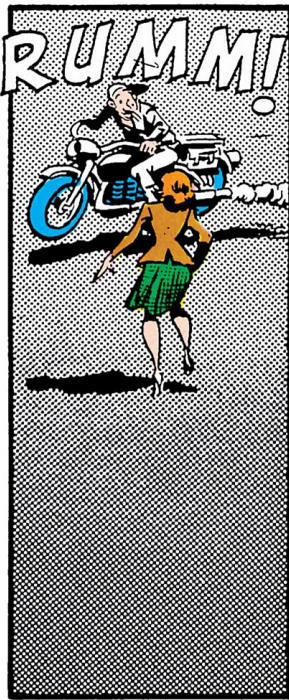
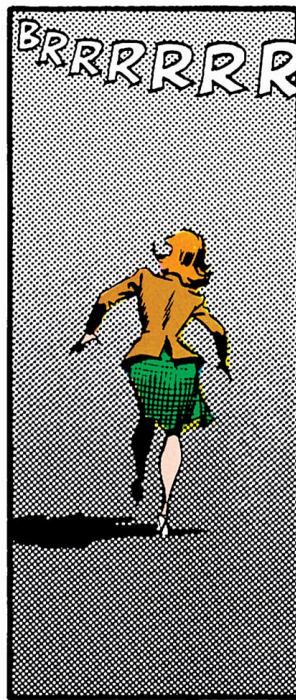
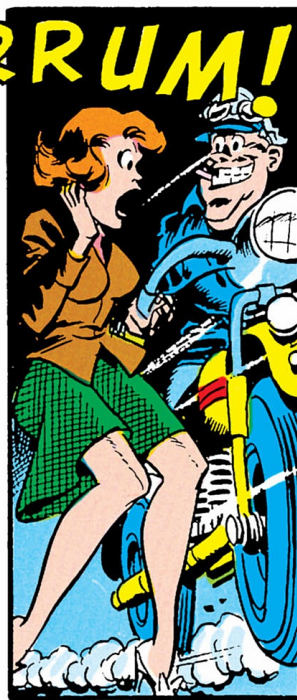
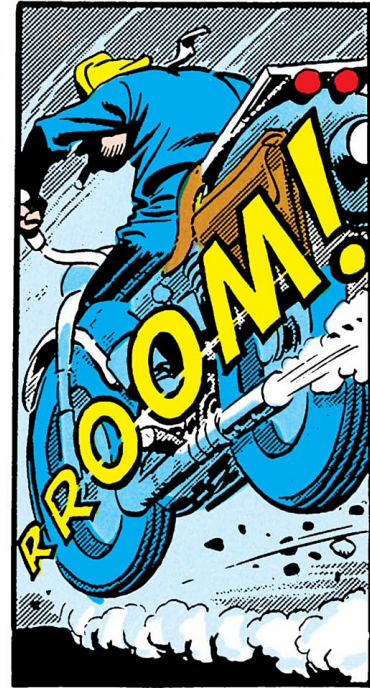
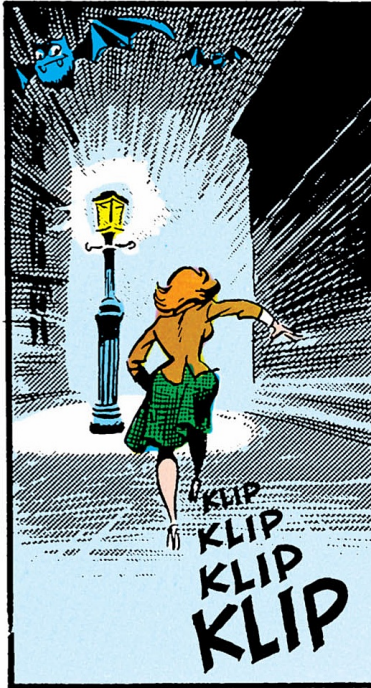
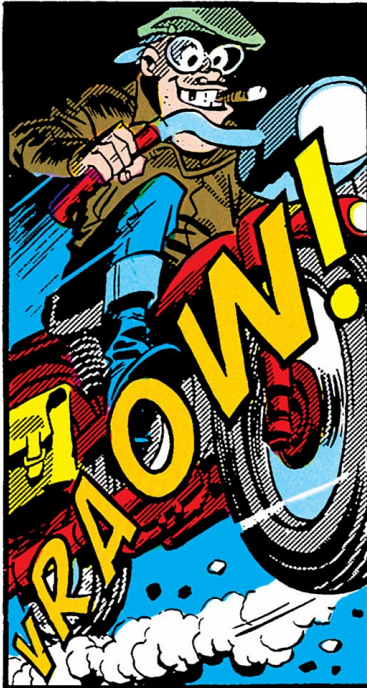
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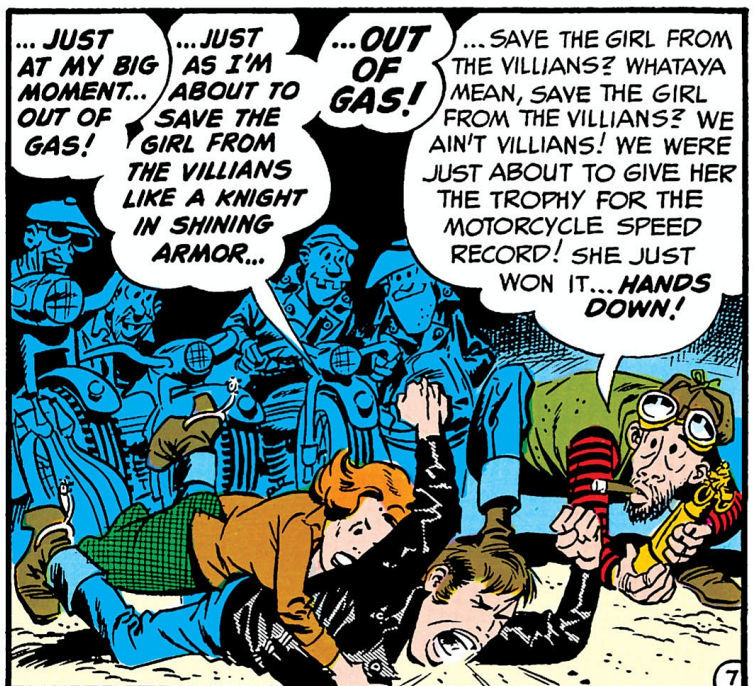
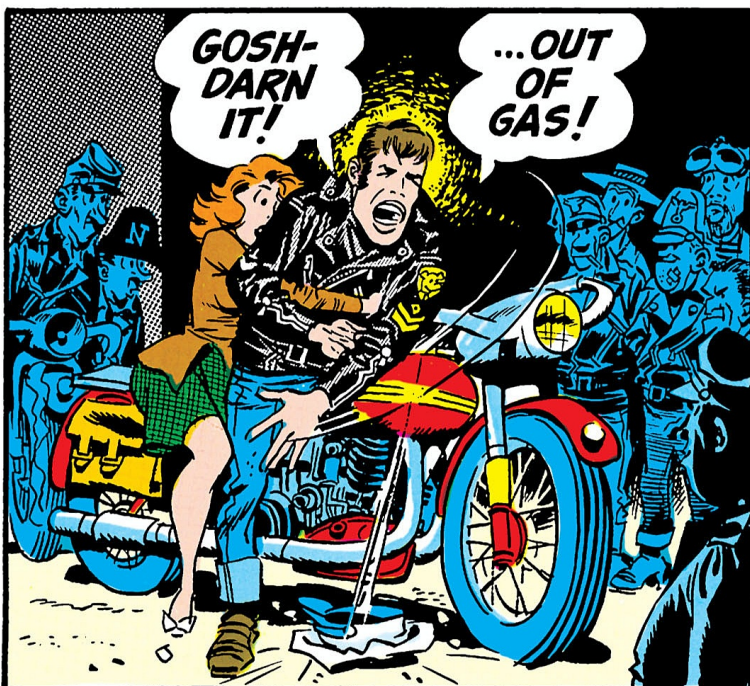
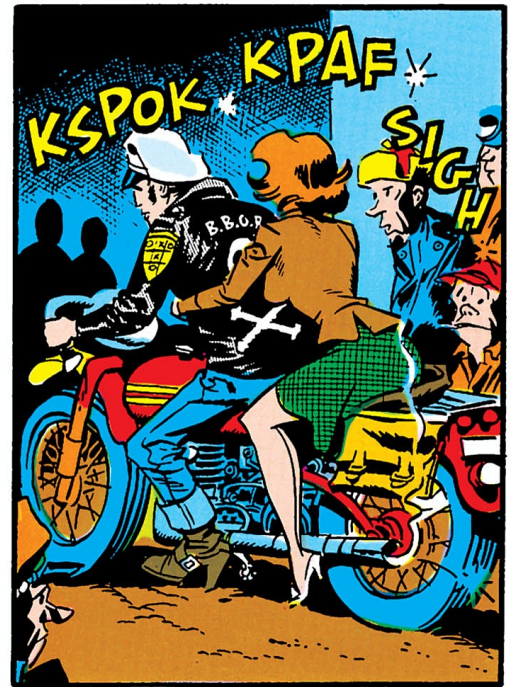
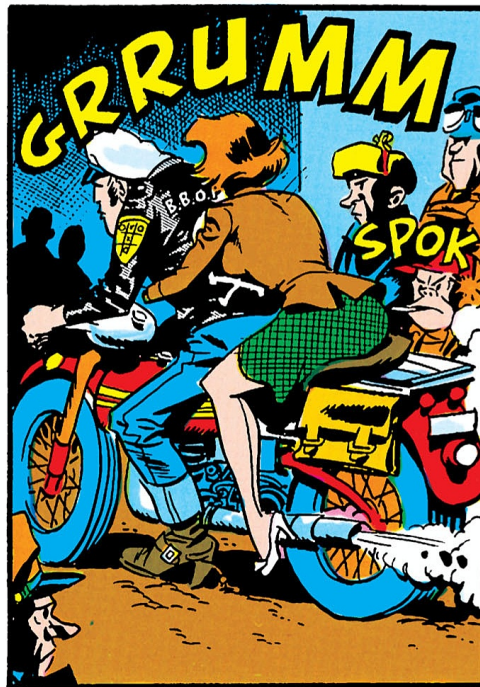
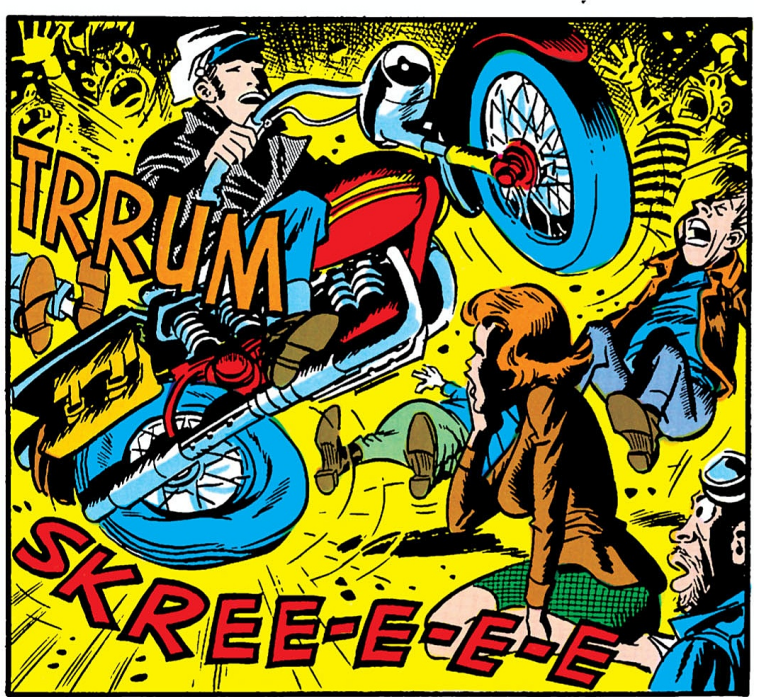
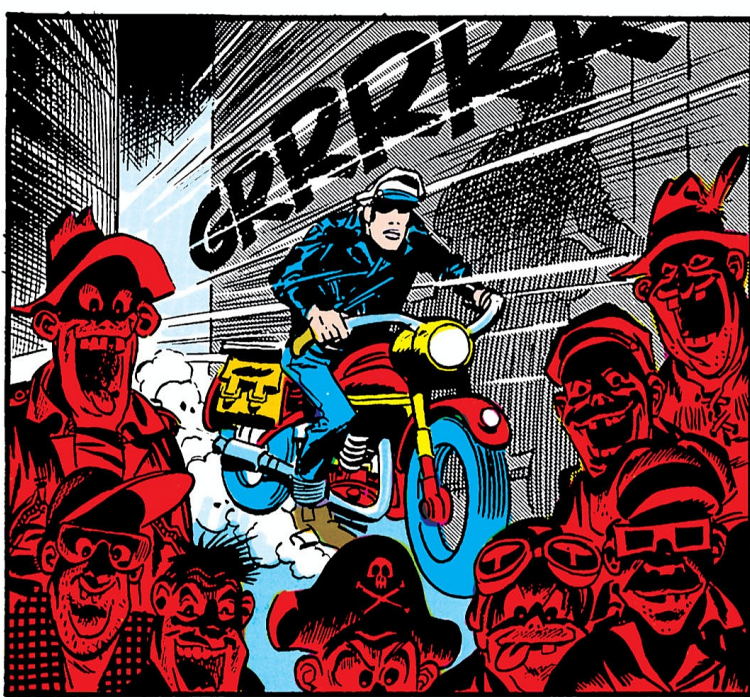
SHUCKS, FELLAS... LOOKS LIKE WE'VE SACKED AND LOOTED EVERYTHING IN TOWN!

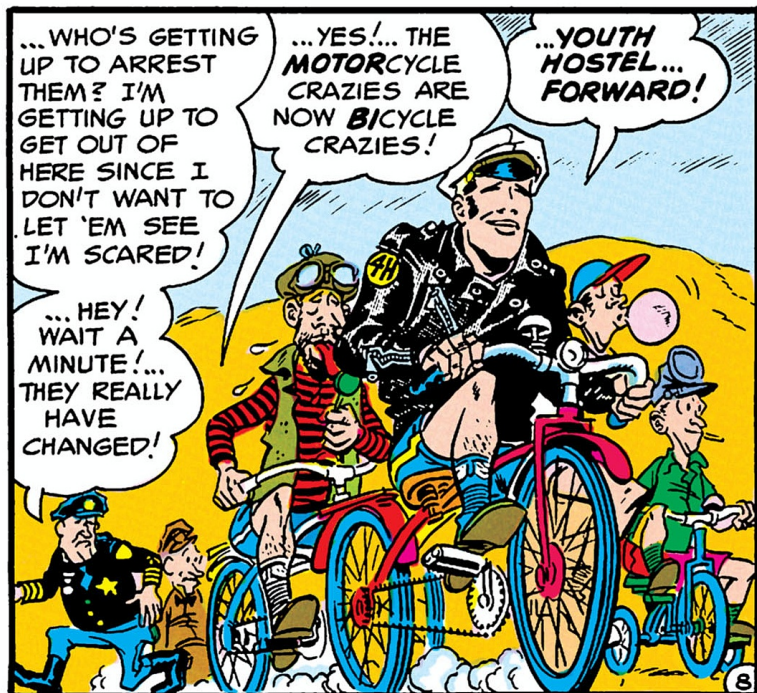
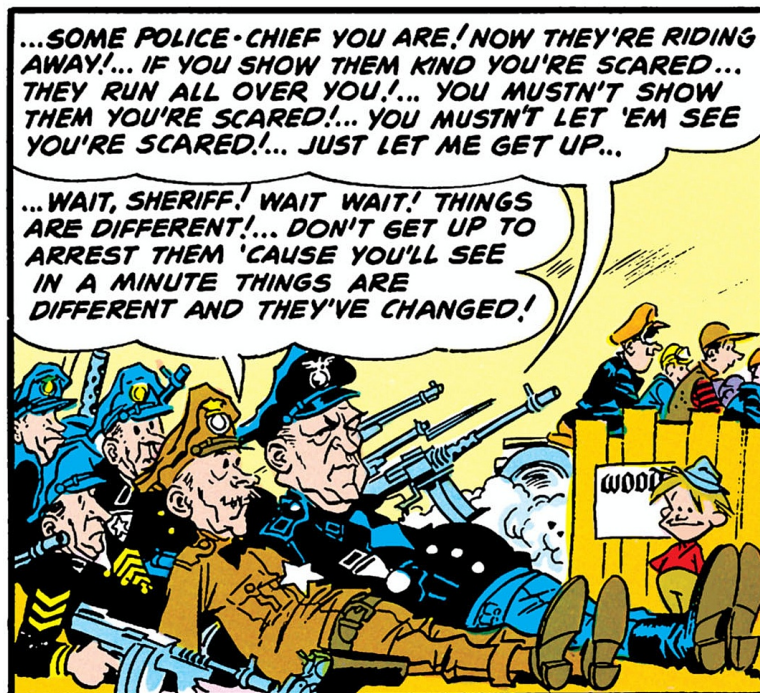
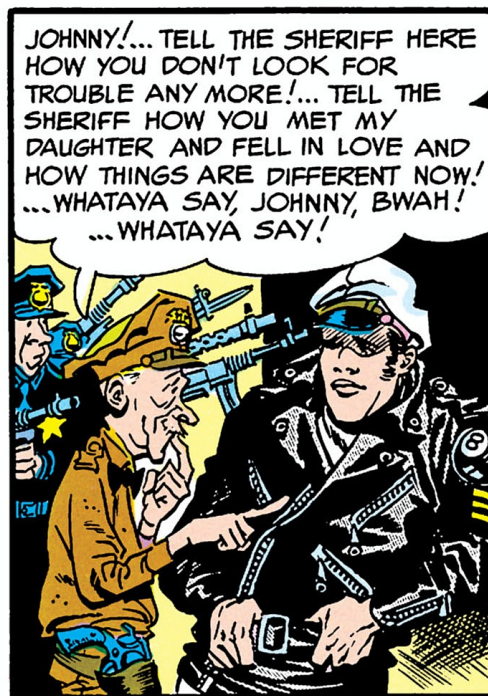
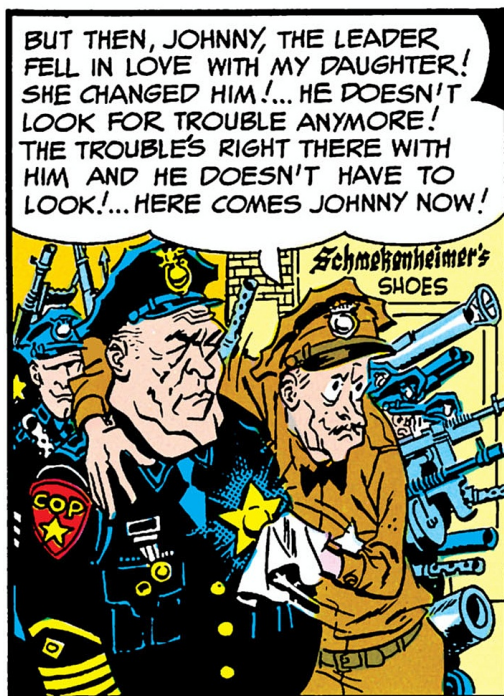
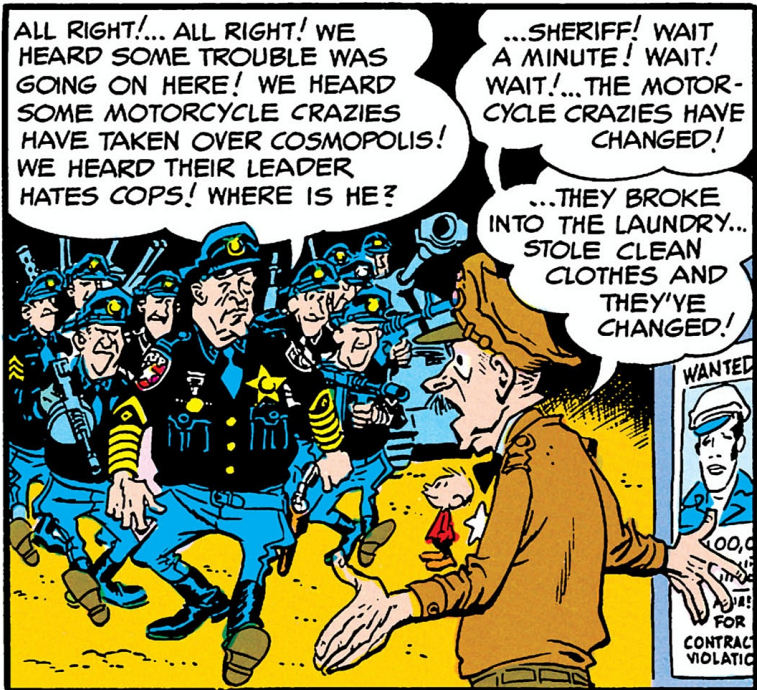
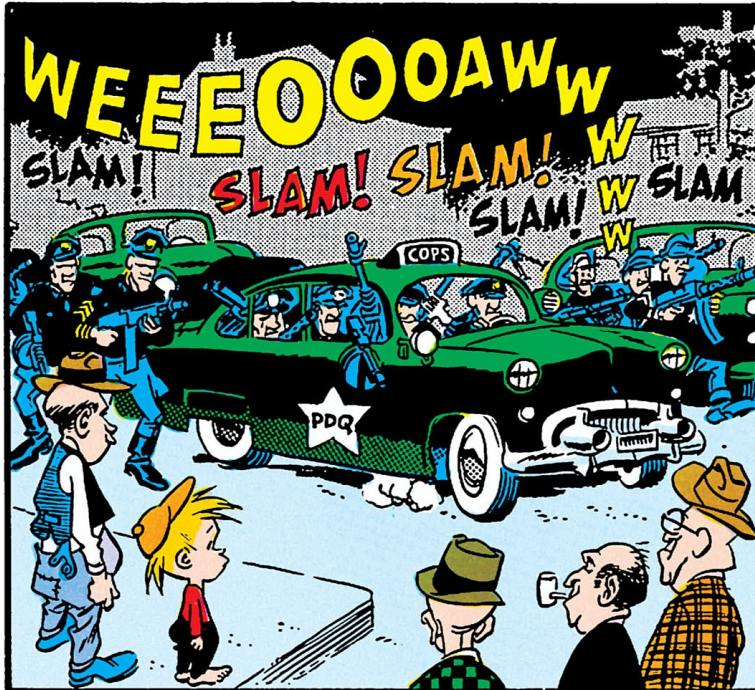
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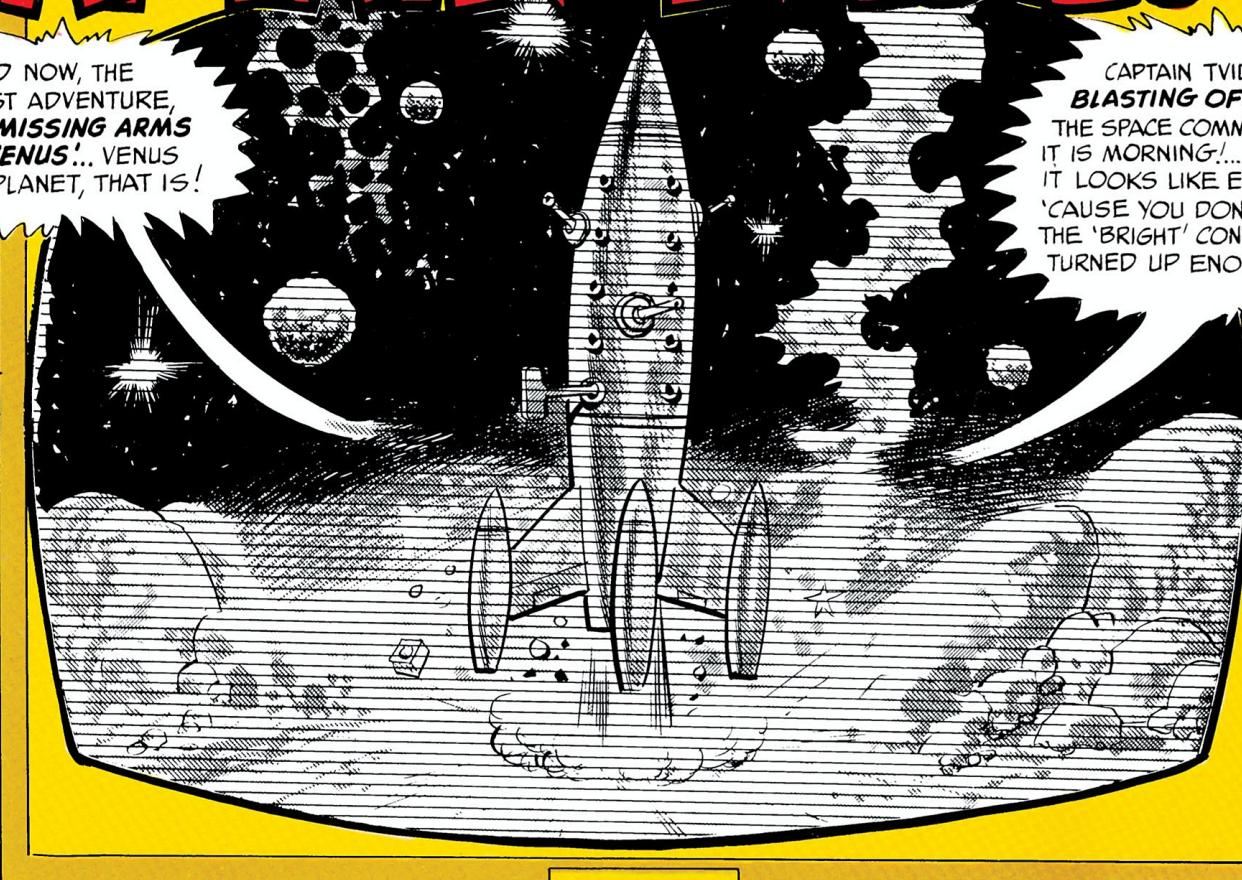


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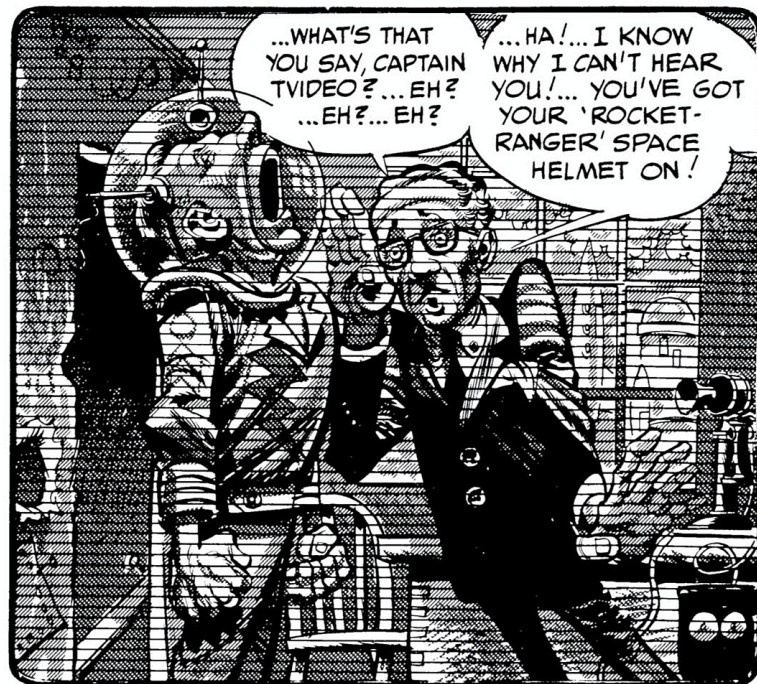
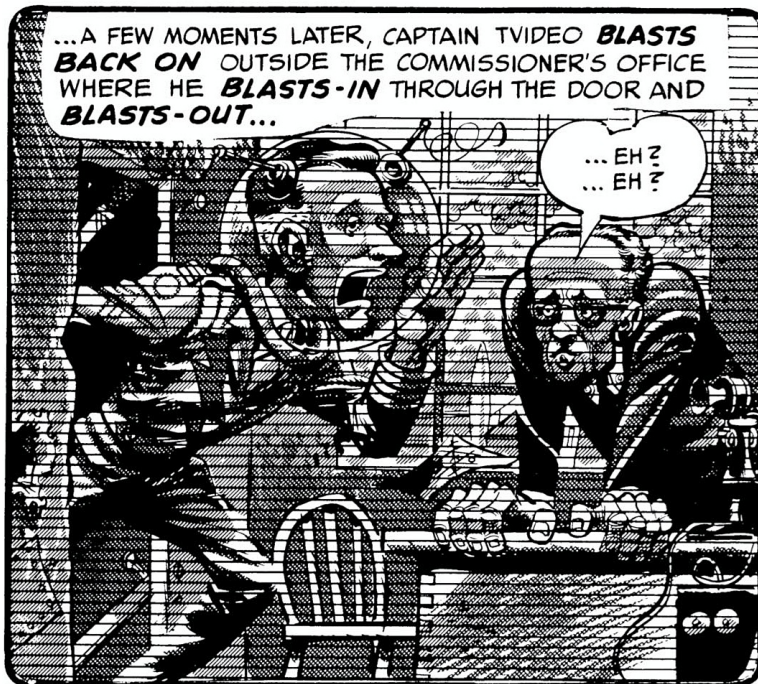
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...A FEW MOMENTS LATER, CAPTAIN TVIDEO **BLASTS BACK ON** OUTSIDE THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WHERE HE **BLASTS-IN** THROUGH THE DOOR AND **BLASTS-OUT**...

... EH? ... EH?

...WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, CAPTAIN TVIDEO?... EH?... EH?... EH?... EH?

...HA!... I KNOW WHY I CAN'T HEAR YOU!... YOU'VE GOT YOUR 'ROCKET-RANGER' SPACE HELMET ON!



...HAVING
TROUBLE
GETTING IT
OFF, CAPTAIN?

...NNGH!
...NNGH!

...FURSHLUG-
GNER PROP
MEN BUY
THESE KID
SPACE HELMETS
IN THE 5
AND 10 ...

...WHEN'S
THIS SHOW
GONNA GET
A DECENT
BUDGET?

... NOW, LET'S GO ABOUT THIS
CALMLY AND RATIONALLY!... SURELY
BY THE THOUGHTFUL USE OF MODERN
TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, WE CAN
REMOVE THAT SPACE HELMET!

YOU
DON'T HAFTA!
YOU DON'T
HAFTA!

...SURELY BY THE DELICATE, SKILLFUL
USE OF MAN'S CLEVERLY DESIGNED
MACHINES, WE CAN DEFTLY REMOVE
THAT SPACE HELMET... LIKE FER-
INSTANCE... **IF I BASH IT WITH ALL
MY MIGHT WITH A MONKEY
WRENCH!**

YOU DON'T
HAFTA ...
YOU DON'T
HAFTA!

CRASH

... I SAY, CAPTAIN TVIDEO!... YOU **DID** MANAGE
TO PULL THE HELMET OFF **AFTER** ALL!... SORRY
IF I ACTED TOO HASTILY!

... I **TOLD** YOU
YOU DIDN'T
HAFTA!

WELL, NEVER MIND, COMMISSIONER ...
LET'S **BLAST-DOWN** TO BUSINESS!
I HEAR TELL THAT ARMS ARE BEING
SHIPPED HERE FROM VENUS ... THE
PLANET, THAT IS! I NEED YOUR
HELP, COMMISSIONER!

...BUT FIRST, I'D
BETTER ALERT MY
RANGERS WITH
THE 'RANGER
ALERter' SWITCH ...

**WAIT...
WAIT...**

...THAT'S NOT THE 'RANGER
ALERter' SWITCH!... THAT'S THE
STUDIO FIRE-HOSE SWITCH!...
THIS PAPER STAPLER IS THE
'RANGER ALERter' SWITCH!

FRROOSH!

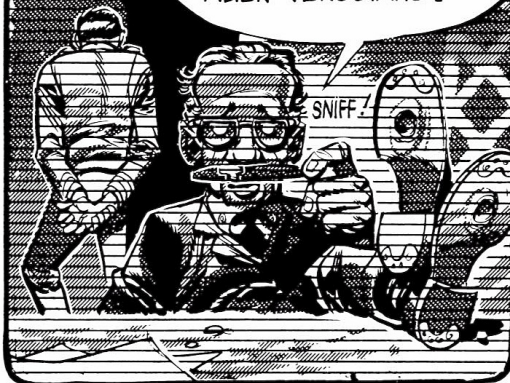
O.K.!
... HERE
GOES MY
RANGER
ALERT!

**NEEEH
NEEEH
NEEEH
NEEEH**

...MEANWHILE, I'LL
BRIEF YOU ON WHAT'S
HAPPENED!... ALIEN
CREATURES ON VENUS,
WHO CAN BE INVISIBLE TO
THE EARTHIAN EYE, HAVE
THE PROPERTY OF SINKING
INTO AN EARTHIAN HUMAN
BODY SO THAT THE
EARTHIAN BODY WILL
THINK WITH AN ALIEN
VENUSIAN MIND!

THESE ALIEN VENUSIANS HAVE BEEN SLOWLY TAKING OVER THE BODIES OF ALL EARTHIAN OFFICIALS... SLOWLY TAKING OVER CONTROL OF EARTH! ...WE MUST **BLAST-OUT** THESE ALIEN VENUSIANS!

BUT CAPTAIN TVIDEO... HOW CAN WE RECOGNIZE THOSE WHOSE BODIES ARE INVADDED BY THE ALIEN VENUSIANS?



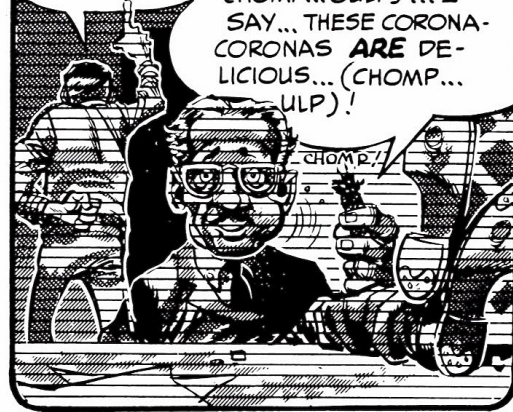
...SIMPLE! ...THE VENUSIANS ARE ADDICTED TO **CIGARS** AND **CIGARETTES!**

...MY DEAR TVID!... IGNORING THE FACT THAT THIS STORY PLOT IS MISERABLE HACK... I CANNOT BE IMPRESSED BY THIS ADDICTION ANGLE! ...WHY... **MOST EARTHIAN (EVEN I)** ARE ADDICTED TO CIGARS AND CIGARETTES!



AHA!...BUT IT'S THE **PECULIAR WAY** THAT THEY ARE ADDICTED TO CIGARS AND CIGARETTES THAT GIVES THEM AWAY!

...MY GOOD FELLOW... YOUR STORY SOUNDS QUITE RIDICULOUS TO ME! WHY...WHAT COULD **POSSIBLY** BE PECULIAR ABOUT CIGAR AND CIGARETTE ADDICTION? (UMP... CHOMP... GULP) ...I SAY... THESE CORONA-CORONAS **ARE** DELICIOUS... (CHOMP... ULP)!



EATING CIGARS AND CIGARETTES IS PECULIAR, 'COMMISSIONER', ALIAS 'DIRTY UNAMERICAN ALIEN VENUSIAN'?... KEEP YOUR HAND OUT OF YOUR POCKET BECAUSE THIS SPARKLER I HAVE IN MY HAND IS A NUCLEAR BLAST-OFF GUN!... **NO YOU DON'T!**

OH YEAH! ...WELL THIS FLASHLIGHT IS ACTUALLY A HYDROGEN-OXIDE-OXYGEN RAY... OR A H.O.O.-RAY...



...**GOT HIM!**

...I'D BETTER CALL MY ASSISTANT RANGER AND **BLAST-OFF** TO BLAST VENUS, RIGHT AWAY!

...NOW THIS FLASHLIGHT MUST BE A MICROPHONE!

... **CAPTAIN TVIDEO CALLING ASSISTANT RANGER...**

TIYO KIMOSAVEE! ...YOU WANT ME?

... **ASSISTANT RANGER... NOT LONE RANGER!**



AH...MY ASSISTANT RANGER WITH YOUR SPACE HELMET ON! ... I KNOW...IT'S STUCK AND YOU CAN'T GET IT OFF!... WELL... DON'T WORRY!... I LEARNED A SIMPLE WAY TO GET IT OFF... BANG IT WITH ALL MY MIGHT WITH A MONKEY WRENCH!

... **YOU DON'T HAFTA!... YOU DON'T HAFTA!**



...I SAY, ROCKET-RANGER, YOU DON'T HAVE A SPACE HELMENT ON **AFTER** ALL ... MERELY A PIECE OF CUT OUT LAUNDRY-SHIRT CARDBOARD WITH A HELMET PAINTED ON IT! ...DID I HURT YOU?

...ONLY WHEN I LAUGH!

...OKAY!...ALL KIDDING ASIDE!... WE'VE GOT TO CARRY THIS WAR TO VENUS!... LOAD YOUR SPARKLER WITH FLINTS AND COME OUT TO THE ROCKET-SHIP WHERE WE SHALL PREPARE TO **BLAST-OFF!**



...NOW LET US LEAVE THE SIGHT OF A MAN CHEWING HAPPILY ON A 'GOOKY' BAR...THE SOUND OF TEETH MUNCHING INTO THE COVERING...



...CRACKLING INTO SUN-FLOWER SEED SHELLS, TWANGING MOMENTARILY ON RUBBER CEMENT!... LET US LEAVE THE SOUND OF REGURGITATING...

**K-Khop
Tooey!**

...AND RETURN TO CAPTAIN TVIDEO, WHO...NOW BLASTING-OFF TO VENUS ...FACING THE MOST CRUCIAL HOUR OF HIS WHOLE LIFE... SAYS...



O.K., RANGER... WE'RE ALMOST TO VENUS! I'M VERY SATISFIED AT THE WAY YOU'VE HELPED ME CONTROL THIS SHIP... THE WAY YOU'VE KEPT GLUED TO THEM BUTTONS... ALL THROUGH THE TRIP... METHODICALLY CLICKING THOSE BUTTONS!... FOR HOURS... UNWAVERING ... CONSTANT... CLICKING, CLICKING THOSE BUTTONS!... AS TO YOUR DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERENCE, I CAN ONLY SAY ONE THING...

...QUIT CLICKING THOSE FARSHIMMELT BUTTONS FOR A MINUTE! YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

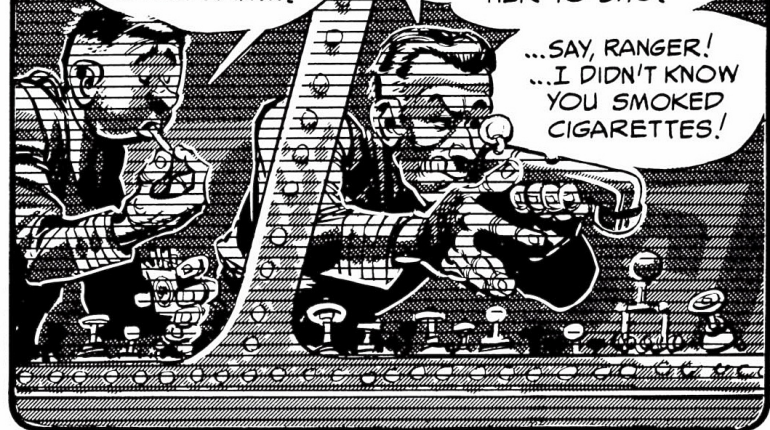
...JUST A FEW MORE CLICKS, CAPTAIN, AND I'LL HAVE MY INCOME-TAX ALL FIGURED UP!



CIGARETTE, ...BY THE WAY! WHAT WILL YOUR STRATEGY BE EXACTLY, TO FIGHT THE VENUSIANS...TO PREVENT THEM FROM TAKING OVER EARTH?

...JUST WATCH, RANGER! THIS FLASHLIGHT, HERE, IS ACTUALLY A AIMER DEVICE CONNECTED TO A POWERFUL DEATH RAY IN THE NOSE OF THE ROCKET! I GET VENUS IN MY SIGHTS LIKE THIS AND **POW!**... I BLAST HER TO BITS!

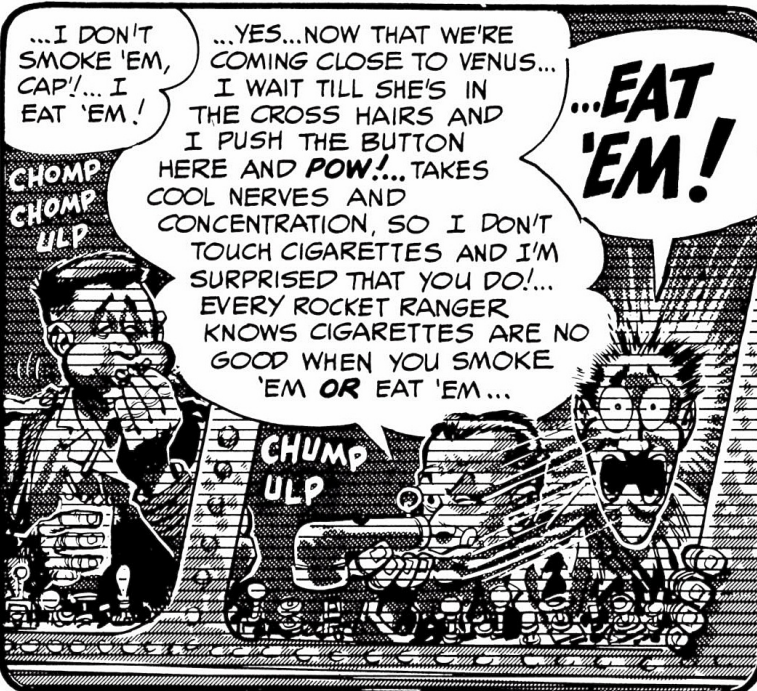
...SAY, RANGER! ...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SMOKED CIGARETTES!



...I DON'T SMOKE 'EM, CAP!... I EAT 'EM!

...YES...NOW THAT WE'RE COMING CLOSE TO VENUS... I WAIT TILL SHE'S IN THE CROSS HAIRS AND I PUSH THE BUTTON HERE AND **POW!**... TAKES COOL NERVES AND CONCENTRATION, SO I DON'T TOUCH CIGARETTES AND I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DO!... EVERY ROCKET RANGER KNOWS CIGARETTES ARE NO GOOD WHEN YOU SMOKE 'EM OR EAT 'EM...

...EAT 'EM!



...DIRTY UNAMERICAN ALIEN VENUSIAN DISGUISED IN A ROCKET-RANGERS BODY... YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO FOOL WITH CAPTAIN TVIDEO, THE FASTEST DRAW WITH THE NUCLEAR BLAST-OFF GUN! **TAKE THIS!**



...AND SO... WITH THE ROAR OF THE STUDIO FIRE-HOSE ECHOING HOLLOWLY IN THE ROCKET SHIP, WE LEAVE CAPTAIN TVIDEO...



...LEAVE HIM FOR A MOMENT AS HE ROCKETS TOWARDS VENUS ARMED ONLY WITH THE 'ROCKET RANGER'S EMERGENCY RESCUE RING'...

...WHICH IS FINISHED IN STUNNING PLASTIC AND DESIGNED TO FIT ANY FINGER!... AND NOW...STAND BY FOR A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!



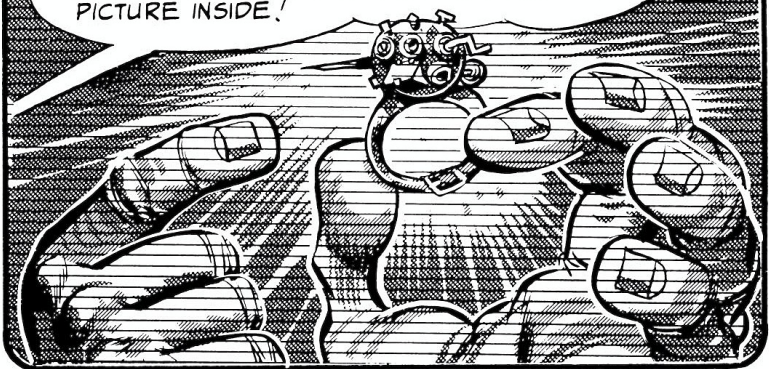
GANG!... REMEMBER THE SECRET 'ROCKET RANGER'S EMERGENCY RESCUE RING' THAT CAPTAIN TVIDEO IS IS GOING TO CONQUER VENUS WITH?... WELL NOW WE'VE GOT A **VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** THAT MIGHT PROVE TO BE THE TURNING POINT IN YOUR LIFE!... **AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS...**



...YOU... TOO
...CAN... CON-
QUER... VENUS!

... YOU... CAN
... GET... ONE... OF
... CAPTAIN
... TVIDEO'S
... 'ROCKET
RANGER'S
EMERGENCY
RESCUE
RINGS'!

... NOW THIS RING ISN'T ANY **ORDINARY** RING, GANG! FIRST OF ALL, LIKE WE SAID, IT'S STUNNING! IT'S GOT A HEAVY STONE ON TOP SO THAT WHEN YOU'RE IN A FIST FIGHT AND YOU HIT YOUR ENEMY ON THE HEAD WITH THE RING, IT ONLY **STUNS** HIM!... NOW, THAT'S NOT **ALL**! BESIDES HAVING A WHISTLE THAT CAPTAIN TVIDEO ALWAYS USES TO SIGNAL FOR HELP, A COMPASS, A MATCH TO LIGHT A FIRE, AND A MAP OF THE U.S., THIS RING HAS A SECRET POINT THAT SPRINGS OUT... AND **TIPPED WITH POISON**, GANG! ALSO A LITTLE PEEK-HOLE WHERE YOU CAN SEE A CHEESECAKE PICTURE INSIDE!



NOW, GANG, WE'RE MAKING THIS OFFER FOR A VERY LIMITED TIME SO YOU BETTER ACT **NOW** BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T ACT **NOW**, YOU'LL MISS OUT ON THIS HERE OFFER WHICH CLOSES SOON... VERY SOON... AFTER A LIMITED TIME... SOON... SOMETIME IN EARLY 1958!

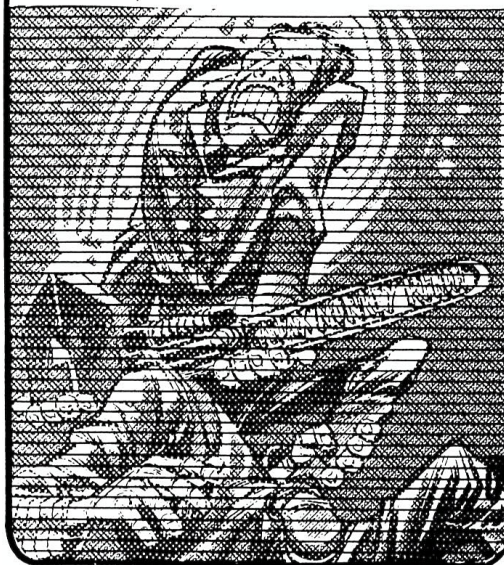
... NOW WE'RE GIVING THIS RING AWAY ABSOLUTELY FREE WITH THREE DOLLARS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND JUST TWO-HUNDRED WRAPPERS FROM 'GOOKY' CANDY BARS!



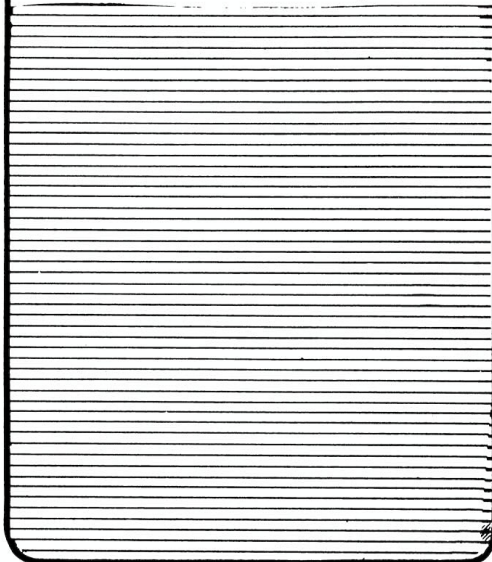
...YES... '**GOOKY**' CANDY BARS... WITH THAT CRUNCHY-MUNCHY COVERING OF UNSHELLED SUN-FLOWER SEEDS... THAT SMOOTH, MELLOW, TANGY GOLDEN CENTER OF SOFT, CHEWY RUBBER CEMENT... WITH THAT ZESTY, TINGLING, SALTY FLAVOR OF SALT SPRINKLED ON TOP... AND THE RICH, GREEN, SATISFYING COLOR OF 100% U.S. TESTED AND CERTIFIED ARTIFICIAL COLOR!



...AND SO... WITH THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF 'BLAST-OFF' ECHOING HOLLOWLY IN THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, THE SCENE FADES OUT...



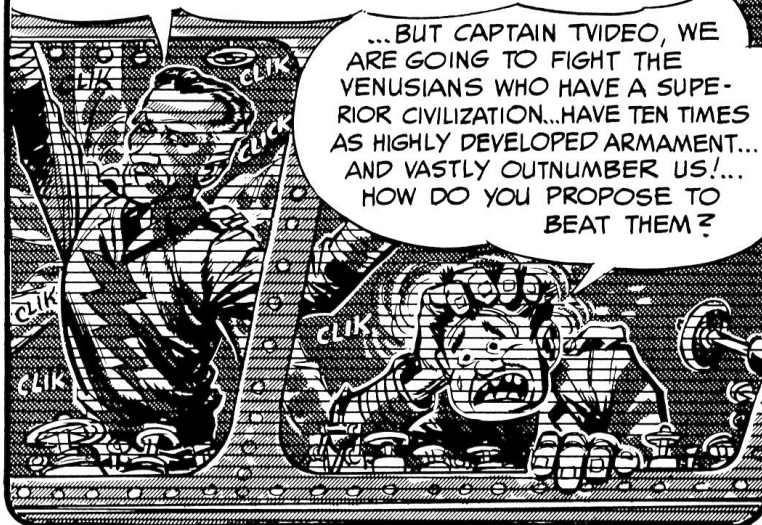
...AND THE NEXT SCENE THAT FADES IN IS A BRAND NEW SCENE THAT TAKES PLACE IN CAPTAIN TVIDEO'S ROCKET SHIP!



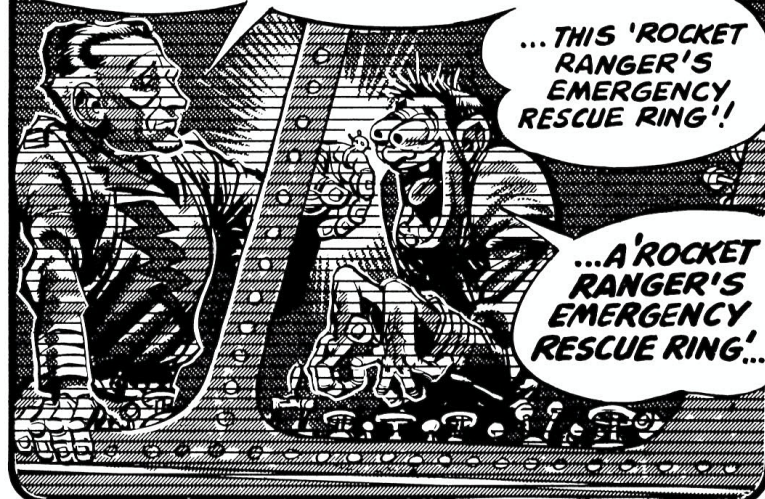
...ACTUALLY, IT'S THE SAME OLD SCENE ONLY WITH A FRAME STUCK OVER TO LOOK LIKE IT'S A NEW SCENE IN A ROCKET SHIP!



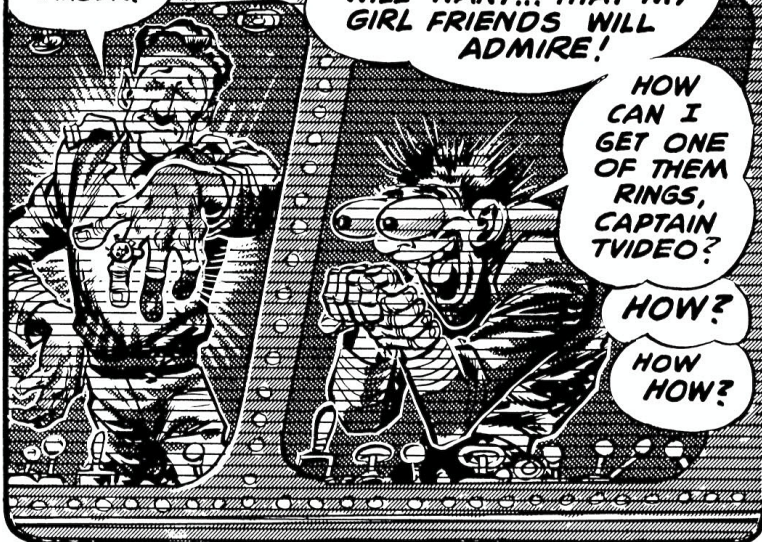
...SCARED?... LISTEN, RANGER!... THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE SOLDIER... A SINGLE HUMAN BEING... WHO... GOING INTO BATTLE... HAS NOT BEEN SCARED! AND SO... IN ANSWER TO WHETHER I, CAPT. TVIDEO AM SCARED... THE ANSWER IS... NO!... I'M NOT SCARED!



... ACTUALLY THE CASE WOULD BE QUITE HOPELESS!... HOWEVER I HAVE SOMETHING WITH WHICH I THINK I CAN OUTWIT THEIR SUPERIOR CIVILIZATION... OVER-POWER THEIR HIGHLY DEVELOPED ARMAMENT, AND REDUCE THEIR ABILITY TO OUTNUMBER US!... AND THAT THAT THING IS... THAT THING IS... IS...



...YES... IN A STUNNING PLASTIC FINISH DESIGNED TO FIT ANY FINGER!



...YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER IN THE PROGRAM, RANGER!... AND NOW, I PUT MY HAND TO THE BLAST-OFF IGNITOR SWITCH... NOW I GET READY TO TURN THE HANDLE... AND NOW...



